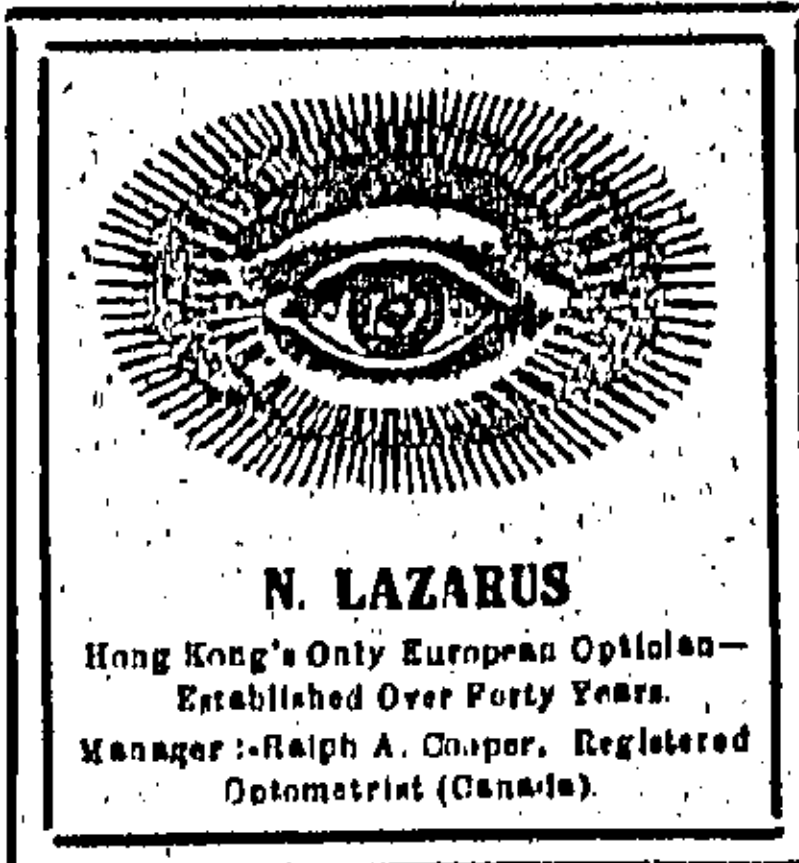




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NEW DIPLOMACY.

BRITAIN'S POLICY IN CHINA.

IMPORTANT PROPOSALS.

London, Dec. 21.
The *Manchester Guardian* declares that the Memorandum handed by the British Charge d'Affaires to representatives of the Powers in Peking proposes that the surtaxes promised to China under the Washington Treaties of 1922 should immediately be made operative throughout China, and the failure of the Customs Conference last year should be written off the diplomatic balance-sheet.

The granting of additional Customs revenue is urged as a matter of common-sense in view of the fact that, the Cantonese authorities have already installed a second line of Customs to collect precisely the difference between the old taxes and the new taxes promised at Washington.

TREATY REVISION.

The Memorandum also urges that the Treaties generally should be revised so as to make them less unilateral and therefore less objectionable to Chinese feeling.

It also advocates the immediate revision of extra-territorial and judicial arrangements, declaring that the failure of the recent Commission on Extra-Territoriality should be regarded as something irrelevant to the present position and that the failure was due to the impossibility of then obtaining representative Chinese views, but conditions have now changed owing to the ascendancy of the Kuomintang. It is proposed that the Powers should recognise the improvement in the Chinese judicial system.

In short, the British proposals are that the diplomacy of the Powers in China should be brought up to date, as has been the case elsewhere in Asia and the Middle East since the Great War.

OFFICIAL RETICENCE.

Reticence is observed in authoritative circles in London as regards the Memorandum transmitted by the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking to his diplomatic colleagues, but it is pointed out that the benevolent attitude of Great Britain to the aspirations of the Chinese people for a revision of the present Treaty situation has become obscured owing to the absence of a Central Government in China, which was a necessary condition for carrying out the programme laid down at Washington.

NO INTERVENTION.

Therefore, in the spirit of the Washington Agreement, Great Britain has now submitted to the other Powers suggestions as regards the attitude which should be adopted on the question of the surtaxes and extra-territoriality. It is declared that Great Britain has no wish to intervene in the civil war raging in China, or to favour any party, but the Powers are now confronted with the growth of national sentiment in China, which necessitates the most careful review of the situation.

It is not believed that the Memorandum deals with the question of recognition, but primarily with the so-called Washington surtaxes, which, in the view of the British Government, should be granted as soon as possible for the benefit of the provinces in which they are actually collected.

JAPANESE OPINION.

Osaka, Dec. 21.
The *Mainichi*, in an editorial comment on the question of recognition of the Canton Government, favours a policy of "Wait and See."

Business interests here are watching the developments in Peking.—*Reuter*.

SERIOUS WUCHOW TROUBLE.

RIOTS DURING GENERAL STRIKE.

LEADERS ARRESTED.

That there has been serious trouble in Wuchow arising out of a general strike is now coming to light through reports received here by interested shipping companies. A complete stoppage of business, including the interruption of the Hongkong-Wuchow steamer services, and something in the nature of street rioting has marked the strike which, according to latest news, is now at an end through the arrest of the leaders.

Precisely when, or how, the strike broke out is not yet clear, but a "general strike" was, apparently, called which precipitated matters to a crisis, leading to the suppression of the strike by the authorities. Our correspondent speaks of riots having occurred but says that these were soon put down and that the city is now quiet. Several of the principal leaders of the strikers have been arrested and are now detained, and the remainder of the leaders have hurriedly left the city, fearing arrest.

The fact that shipping services from Wuchow to Hongkong have been resumed, is confirmed by the Sai Hing Wuchow Steamship Company here, which states that the s.s. *Kochow* arrived here yesterday and that the s.s. *Sunning* and s.s. *Kwong Hing* came in to-day. Matters would now appear to be more or less normal.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR.

BETTER NEWS REVIVES BUSINESS.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
Although an improvement is reported in the condition of the Emperor, all Court functions and New Year celebrations have been definitely cancelled.

A message from Osaka states that the goods news regarding the condition of the Emperor is reviving normal activities. The theatres have been open since last night, the streets present a more lively aspect, whilst Christmas sales have been resumed and the newspapers find space for Chinese news.—*Reuter*.

A RELAPSE.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.
The Emperor's temperature rose during the night. His Majesty has been somewhat delirious and sleepless, and has also had fits of occasional coughing.—*Reuter*.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

PRESIDENT IN FAVOUR OF NEW CRUISERS.

Washington, Dec. 21.
Coincidentally with the move of Congress to give immediate consideration to Mr. Butler's Naval Bill President Coolidge has emphasised that it is not necessary to begin forthwith with the construction of the cruisers but that the decision to include them in the building programme followed a conference between President Coolidge, and Mr. Wilbur Secretary of the Navy, and the Cabinet, which was persuaded that the construction of the cruisers would render the fleet an efficient fighting unit.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Butler's Bill merely outlines the naval construction programme and does not appropriate the requisite funds.—*Reuter's American Service*.

MADERIA EARTH-QUAKE.

London, Dec. 21.
A message from Funchal, says that the earthquake has not affected Madeira.—*Reuter*.

HANKOW INCIDENT

SERIOUS CLASH AVERTED.

MOB INCITES SOLDIERS.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

A Hankow message of yesterday's date states that an unpleasant incident was narrowly averted at 10.30 in the morning, when 300 Chinese soldiers tried to march through the Concession, along the bund. They were stopped at the British Consulate barrier by Marines, when a large mob of coolies urged the soldiers to force their way through.

RIFLES LOADED.

A corporal of the Marines, who was patrolling outside the barrier, was attacked by four soldiers and fell back to the barricade, which the Marines then lined, and, as the Chinese soldiers loaded their rifles, they loaded machine guns, at which the soldiers dispersed. The mob remained, jeering at the marines.

It is understood that the local Chinese authorities have tendered apologies to the British Consul.

ICHANG LOOTED.

A wireless message from Ichang, states that soldiers have completely looted the city, but that foreign property has not yet been touched.—*Reuter*.

CHUNGKING DO TIVA

With regard to the war operations in Central China, it is stated that a report has been received by the Military Headquarters in Canton to the effect that the Southern troops have succeeded in capturing Ichang and that they are now pushing forward towards Chungking.

Chinese reports also state that Southern troops under General Ho Ying-yun are advancing in southern Chekiang, and that Lungshan has already fallen into their hands.

It is said that General Ho will soon take his forces far into Chekiang in order to join hands with troops already in the south-west of the province. This is part of the movement to link up with the main Kuomintang forces in Chekiang.

U. S.-PANAMA TREATY.

THE TEXT PUBLISHED.

Washington, Dec. 21.
The text of the Treaty pending between Panama and the United States is published. If it is ratified, Panama is bound to co-operate to the utmost to protect and defend the canal and, if a conflict breaks out, to consider herself a joint enemy with the United States.—*Reuter's American Service*.

CARGO POSSIBLY DAMAGED.

A DEFECTIVE DRAIN PIPE.

Port Said, Dec. 21.
There is possible damage to cargo in the No. 3 hold of the s.s. *Koninginder*, *Nederlander*, from Batavia to Amsterdam owing to a defective drainpipe below the waterline. The damage has been temporarily repaired, and the steamer is proceeding.—*Reuter*.

Fresh north-east winds, and fine weather are expected to continue, according to to-day's weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING INCIDENT.

SNATCHING FROM KOWLOON LADY.

A SMART SENTENCE.

The prompt act of a Chinese in following up a snatcher and thus preventing a possible loss for a European lady, was told at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the culprit, who was arrested in the chase, was sentenced by Mr. Schofield to six months' hard labour and twelve strokes of the birch.

Following a plea of guilty returned by the defendant, Inspector Evans stated that Mrs. Butler, who lives at Glantherpe, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, was shopping at the Chinese stores in Des Voeux Road Central, yesterday. Coming out of the Sincere Store, she was approached by the defendant and the latter snatched a handbag from under her arm before attempting to make his escape. He was pursued and at Gilman Bazaar was secured by a Chinese.

No previous conviction was revealed by the police records, and the defendant was sentenced as already stated.

GOLD SOVEREIGNS.

3,500,000 STRUCK LAST YEAR.

London, Dec. 21.
The annual report of the Deputy Master of the Comptroller of the Royal Mint shows that during the year 1925, three and a half million sovereigns were struck. It is made clear, however, that they were not for internal use. Our gold reserves, says the Comptroller, although sufficient to justify a return to the gold standard, are not enough to make possible the substitution of gold for the notes in circulation. Nor is he aware that, apart from sentiment, any very serious desire has been evinced for such a change. He points out also that the State has already borne a charge of £1,000,000 for wear and tear of the old gold coinage since it undertook the duty of replacement as a recognised policy.—*British Wireless*.

PORTUGAL'S LATEST REVOLT.

SMALL AND NOW CONTROLLED AFFAIR.

London, Dec. 21.
Nothing further is known in Lisbon of the revolutionary strike on the Sulesteste Railway, in the south of Portugal. The movement was started by employees of advanced views who tried to carry the whole staff with them. The movement is stated to have been suppressed owing to Government measures. The papers are censored.—*Reuter*.

POPAGANDA FLIGHT.

A START FROM TEXAS.

London, Dec. 21.
A message from San Antonio, says that with the two-fold object of demonstrating the friendship between North, South and Central America and awakening interest in commercial aviation, five army aeroplanes, under the command of Major Dargue, has left on a 20,000 mile flight around South America.—*Reuter*.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR.

NOT RETURNING TO JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
An official announcement that M. Kopp, the Soviet Ambassador, is not returning to Tokyo has been received, but the Soviet has not yet intimated who his successor will be.—*Reuter*.

DEATH SENTENCE.

SHAUKIWAN MURDER TRIAL.

UNIQUE DEFENCE PLEA.

Sentence of death was this morning passed by Mr. Justice Wood on the Chinese cook, whose trial on a charge of the murder of a fellow-employee at the Tung On Shipbuilding Yard was concluded at the Criminal Sessions. The jury recorded a unanimous verdict of guilty.

In his closing speech for the Crown, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill referred to the evidence of the men who lived with the prisoner. They were simple honest men and told a straightforward story. He was particularly impressed, and perhaps the jury were also, with the evidence of the prisoner's brother. In a most painful position, he could not have been actuated by any other motive than that of telling the truth.

POINT FOR JURY.

The prisoner was admittedly under the influence of drink at the time, but the jury had to decide whether he was incapable of forming any intention. He had managed to find his way home all right.

What did a drunken man usually do having reached his bed? He usually stayed there. The prisoner had got up, gone downstairs and obtained an axe.

If, as suggested, he was suddenly seized with a fit of homicidal mania, why should he select the man most difficult of access for his murderous attack? His passions may have been inflamed by the drink he had had, but that was not sufficient for the jury to acquit him.

THE DEFENCE.

Mr. T. Addis, for the defence, made the startling suggestion that the murder was committed by some other person who put the deceased man into bed after death, and seized the opportunity of the prisoner arriving home drunk to foist the blame on him.

He suggested that the three men knew more about the death of Lai Wan than they were prepared to admit. They had something to conceal he suggested.

The position of the wounds indicated that they could not have been caused whilst the deceased was lying in his bed, and Mr. Addis suggested that someone else killed him. When the prisoner arrived home drunk, the three men decided to drag him into it.

It was admitted that the prisoner was drunk, and if that was the case, counsel said he would submit that it would have been impossible for a drunken man to clamber over forms and boxes and deliver the deliberate blows which led to the death of Lai Wan.

UNANIMOUS VERDICT.

Mr. Justice Wood's summing-up lasted nearly an hour.

The jury retired for only five minutes, and recorded a unanimous verdict of Guilty.

His Lordship expressed agreement with the verdict, and passed the death sentence.

U. S. AND WAR DEBTS.

UNIVERSITY'S PROPOSALS CRITICISED.

Washington, Dec. 21.
A decidedly unfavourable undertone of opinion is expressed in political circles towards the Columbia University's war debts proposals. Both Republicans and Democrats join in protesting that the United States is a considerable creditor and that the statement is inopportune, particularly in view of M. Poincare's difficulty in getting the war debt settlement ratified.

The *New York World* considers that the Allies might be more lenient to Germany before contemplating a further revision of their obligations to America.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HIGH FRANCO-GERMAN TENSION.

SEQUEL TO GERMERSHEIM AFFRAY.

ALLEGED INJUSTICES.

Paris, Dec. 21.

The court martial into the Franco-German affray at Gernersheim on Sept. 27, when two French soldiers collided with several Germans, one of whom named Mueller was killed and another named Mathes was wounded by shots from the French has resulted in the French Lieutenant Rouzier being acquitted, and the German soldier Mathes, being sentenced to two years' default. Minor sentences have been passed on five other Germans.

In Berlin the news of the verdict of the Gernersheim affair has been received with great indignation in official quarters, and is described as a travesty of Justice.

It is asserted that all the weight of the evidence was against the plan that Rouzier was provoked, and the death of the German, Mueller, is described as cold-blooded murder. The verdict is certain to arouse considerable feeling in Germany, and responsible quarters fear it will undo a great deal of the good work started at Locarno for the improvement of Franco-German relations.—*Reuter*.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

SOME LATER DAY TENDENCIES.

Rugby, Dec. 21.
A feature of this Christmas, according to reports from the railway companies, is a great increase of bookings to seaside resorts. The practice of spending the winter festival at the seaside has been developing rapidly during the past eight or ten years.

Airways to the Continent are also experiencing what are described as phenomenal bookings. The service both to Paris and Germany are being augmented as far as is possible and the whole fleet of air liners will be brought into use. It has become quite the fashion to send Christmas gifts to friends on the Continent. "Per airways," and for the past two or three days the demand for freight has been heavy.—*British Wireless*.

BULGARIAN LOAN

BEING OFFERED IN LONDON.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

The offer is being made to-day in London of the Bulgarian 7 per cent. Settlement Loan, which is issued under the aegis of the League of Nations. The total amount of the loan in the form of sterling bonds is £2,400,000, of which the British portion is £1,750,000, issued at ninety-two per cent. £650,000 is reserved for issue in Holland, Italy and Switzerland. In addition, bonds for £4,500,000 are being offered in the United States.

One of the conditions laid down by the League of Nations in authorising the loan, was that the National Bank of Bulgaria should be radically re-organised, and a law effecting this comes into force on January 1st.—*British Wireless*.

AUSTRALIAN SUGAR.

ESTIMATE OF CROP.

Brisbane, Dec. 21.
The Australian sugar crop is expected to be 420,000 tons.—*Reuter*.

PUBLIC MONEY.

"SUNNING" PIRACY EXPENSES.

COST OF WEMBLEY.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, which is to be held in the Council Chamber to-morrow afternoon, several interesting votes are coming up for approval.

From the Message to the Finance Committee in explanation of the items we take the following:

MORE COPPER COINS.

Under the heading of Miscellaneous Services, the sum of £7,000 is asked for to meet a loss on copper coins. It is explained that to replenish the dwindling stock of copper one cent pieces an order was placed with the Royal Mint for 2,500,000 coins. A part of the order has already been delivered and the balance is expected in Hongkong this month.

It is estimated that the cost of the whole supply landed in Hongkong will be \$32,000 and as the value as coin is only \$25,000 a vote to cover the loss is required.

DEARER PROVISIONS.

The sum of \$6,000 is asked for by the Medical Department to pay for the higher contract price of provisions for patients in the Hospital and asylums. It is explained that the Estimates for 1926 were framed shortly after the commencement of the strike and boycott and it was not possible at the time to foresee what prices would be during 1926. When the tenders came in after the Estimates had been framed it was found that there was a general all round increase in the price of provisions, etc. This amounted to 23 per cent. In view of this it was decided only to give the contract for the first six months of the year in the hope that prices after this period would have fallen. This, however was not the case and we were obliged to renew the contract till the end of the year.

The supplementary vote of \$5,500 taken in August was entirely for the Peak Hospital and had nothing to do with general hospitals. The actual expenditure up to end of October amounted to \$100,005.73 and the estimated expenditure for November and December is \$16,994.27.

HONGKONG AT WEMBLEY.

A vote of \$16,500 is asked for an account of the British Empire Exhibition under the heading of Miscellaneous Services. The Message to the Committee explains that the estimated expenditure for the Wembley Exhibition 1925 was \$25,000 sterling on Expense Account and in addition an advance of \$100,000 (repayable) was made on Trading Account.

On Expense Account \$22,998.15s. 0d. has been drawn to date by the Exhibition Treasurers, and \$5,197.68 has further been disbursed by the Colonial Government. The full \$100,000 Trading Account was advanced, and \$80,000 only has been repaid to date. It is anticipated that a further \$10,000 will be recovered. To close all outstanding accounts including the settlement of the balance of the Trading Account a final sum of \$16,500 is required. The unexpended balance of the vote of \$25,000 namely \$17,024 having lapsed in 1925 the sum now asked for is in the nature of a re-vote.

EDUCATION COSTS.

The education Department asks for \$1,470 to meet incidental expenses, and the following reasons are given:—Excess under this head is due mainly to underestimation. The 1926 Estimates did not sufficiently allow for extra incidental expenditure due to the establishment of the Vernacular Middle School, and the Normal School at Tai Po, the development of Salyngpun School into King's College and the removal to permanent premises of the British (Continued on Page 4.)

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SUNNING PIRACY.**ANOTHER DEFENDANT SET
AT LIBERTY.**At yesterday's hearing of the
Sunning case Mr. Lo submitted
his defence in the case of the Nos.
6 and 8 defendants.Connected with the No. 8 de-
fendant's case was a passenger,
who was travelling second class
with him, and whose evidence if
obtainable would be useful in
testifying to what happened.This witness would bear out a
statement made by the defendant
to the effect that they were both
asleep when the pirates entered
their cabin, that in view of their
condition they were little inter-
fered with except when the eighth
defendant was called upon to read-
just a bandage for one of the
pirates, and later to share his
bunk with a pirate leader who
used the bed for smoking opium.**A Tallyman's Story.**As regards No. 5 defendant, it
had been said of him by the No. 8
defendant that he looked very
much like the long-coated pirate
who asked to have the bandage
readjusted round a wounded
finger.A tallyman from the Sunning,
said he saw No. 1 defendant carry-
ing a gun. He was an active
pirate, who later sought a disguise
by effecting a change with cloth-
ing taken from a passenger.No. 1 defendant was inter-
rupted by the Magistrate in his
cross-examination of the witness.
Mr. Lindsell said: Your cross-
examination is leading you deeper
and deeper into the mire. It only
incriminates you more and more.
So many of these things would not
have come out if you had not asked
those questions.Defendant: I don't care if these
things are taken down.His Worship: You don't care?
You are being incriminated deeper
and deeper.Defendant: That is to say I
don't care because I have been
wrongly identified.**Another Discharge.**In regard to No. 18 the Crown
Solicitor explained that they
charged the man because he was
picked out by a witness in the
police parade. The witness now
failing to substantiate that evi-
dence, he asked the case to be with-
drawn against the defendant.The eighteenth defendant was
accordingly discharged.After further evidence had been
taken Mr. Lindsell asked the
Crown Solicitor if there was any
hope of finishing the case before
Christmas.Mr. Holmes replied that they had
twenty-four more witnesses to
call, apart from police officers.**Mr. Lo's Suggestion.**Mr. Lo suggested that His Wor-
ship should give his time exclu-
sively to the case, and leave his
others to be heard by other Ma-
gistrates. Mr. Lo pointed out that
there was necessarily a good deal
of cross-examination to follow fur-
ther evidence.His Worship before adjourning
the hearing until Thursday mor-
ning, intimated that he would
consider the possibility of adopt-
ing Mr. Lo's suggestion.**THE RENOWN.****LEAVING PORTSMOUTH IN A
FORTNIGHT.**

Rugby, Dec. 21.

The battleship Renown, which
will carry the Duke and Duchess
of York on their visit to New Zea-
land and Australia, will leave
Portsmouth on January 6th.Four destroyers and five flying
boats will accompany the cruiser
as escort to Saint Catherine's Point,
Isle of Wight.—British Wireless.**THE WAR.****YUNNANESE TROOPS
MOVING.**

Canton, Dec. 21.

It is reported in Canton that
Yunnanese troops are invading the
Kwangsi border.According to a message from
Fochow, a Provisional Govern-
ment is being organised by the
Southerners in Fukien, with Fong
Shing-to as the chairman of the
Government Committee.—Wah Kiu
Yat Po.**Financing Wu Pei-fu.**

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Chang Tso-lin has agreed to
contribute \$300,000 a month to Wu
Pei-fu for his military expenditure,
and has urged him to resume the
offensive at an early date.Chen Tiu-yuen and Ip Hoikum
have arrived in Nanking to discuss
with Sun Chuan-fang and Chang
Tso-lin the plan of resuming the
offensive against Kiukiang. Chang
cannot, therefore, return to Tsinan
for the present.About 20,000 of the Fukienese
troops under Chow Yam-yan have
retreated to Wenchow.—Wah Kiu
Yat Po.**MOTOR TAXES.**OVER \$18,000,000 PAID IN
BRITAIN.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

Over eighteen million pounds
was paid in taxes on one and a half
million motor vehicles in Britain
during the past year.—British
Wireless.**AERIAL TRAVEL.****AIR MINISTER'S FLIGHT
TO INDIA.**

Rugby, Dec. 21.

Preparations are complete for
the departure of the Air Minister,
Sir Samuel Hoare, whose flight to
India will inaugurate the new
Egypt-India air route.The projected flight, on which
Lady Hoare will accompany him,
will commence on December 27.
Although Karachi will be the
termination of the regular route
to be operated in the spring, Sir
Samuel Hoare will fly on to Delhi.
The biplane in which he will tra-
vel is similar to the two others
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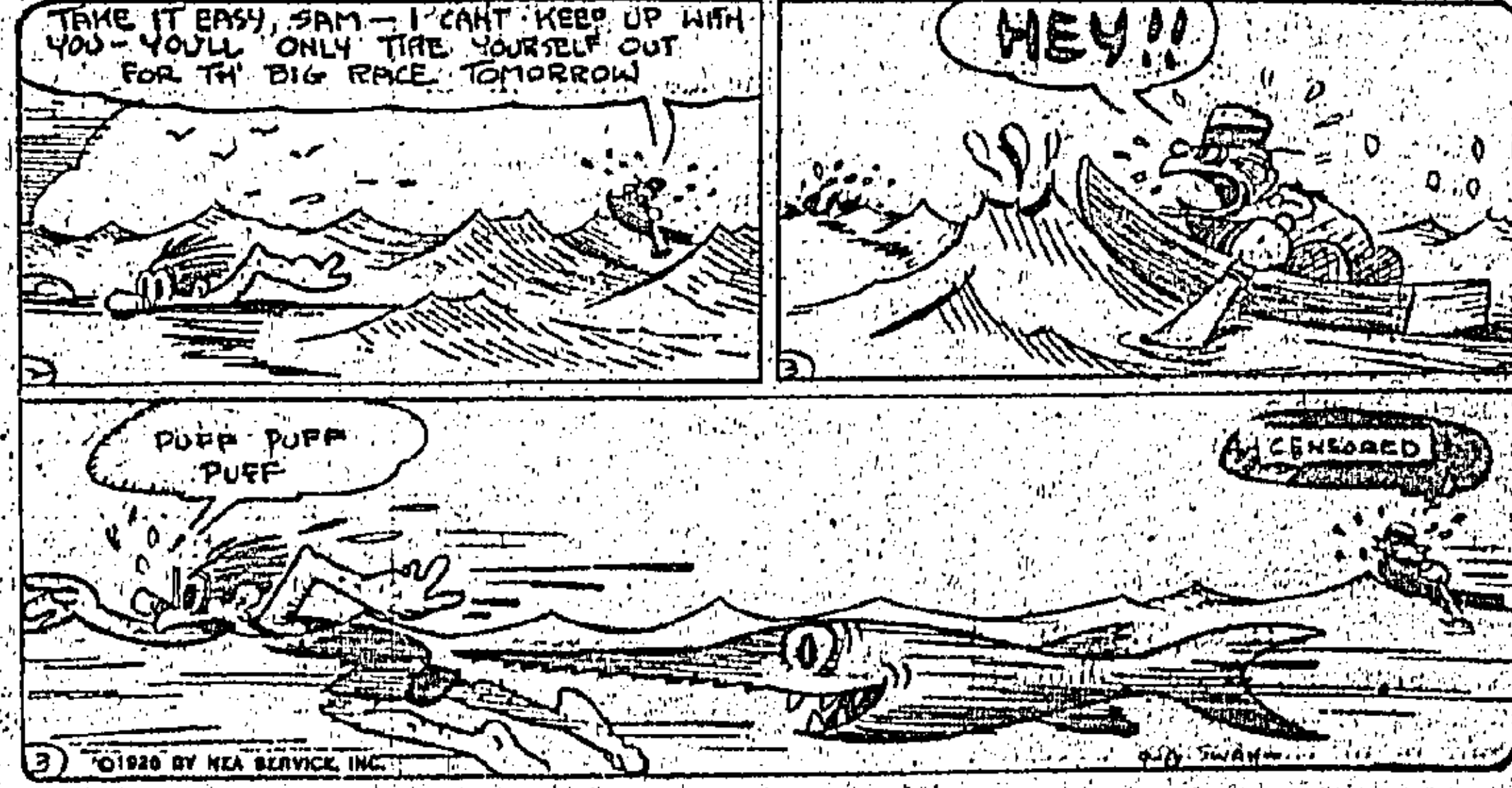
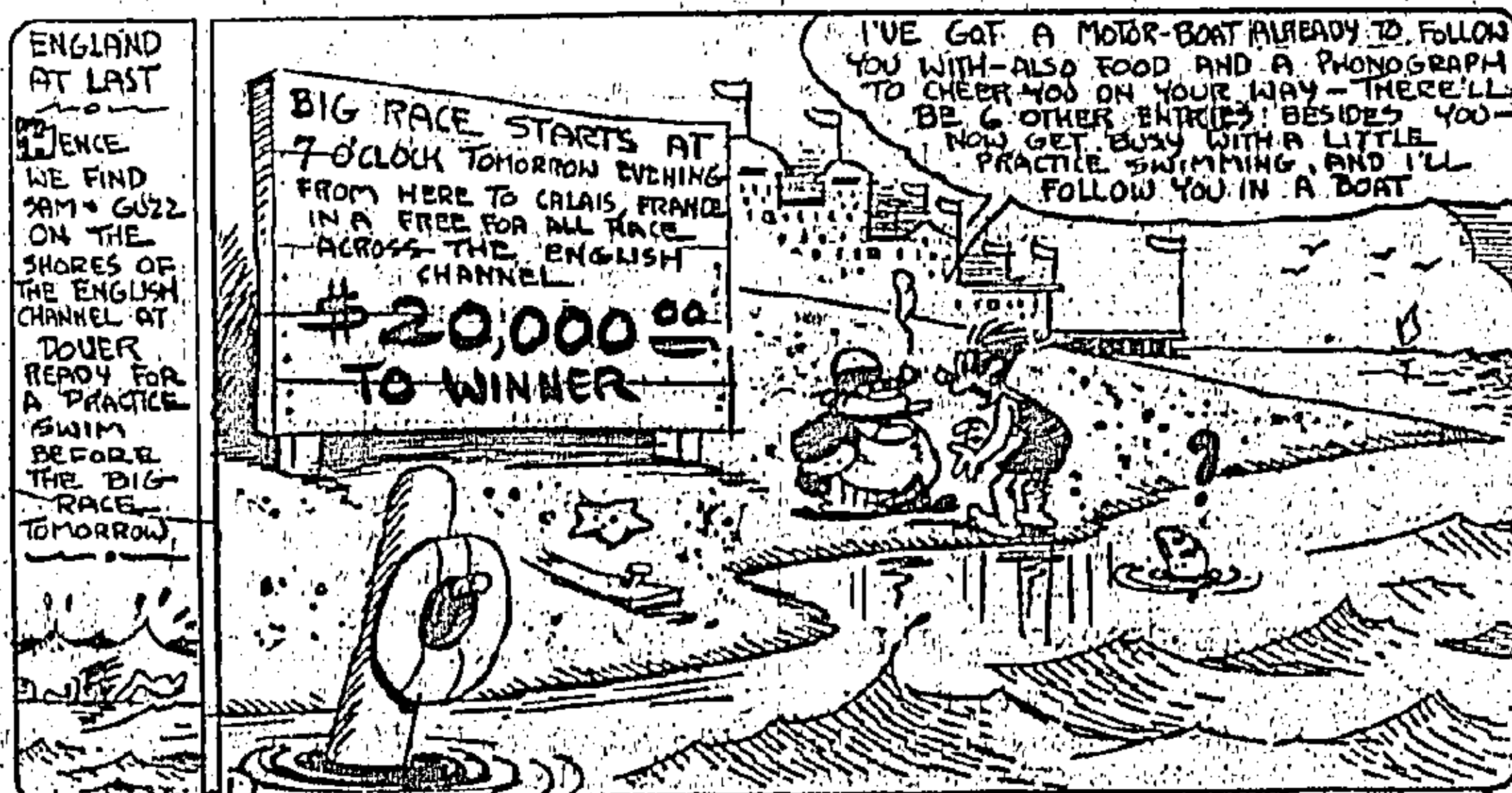
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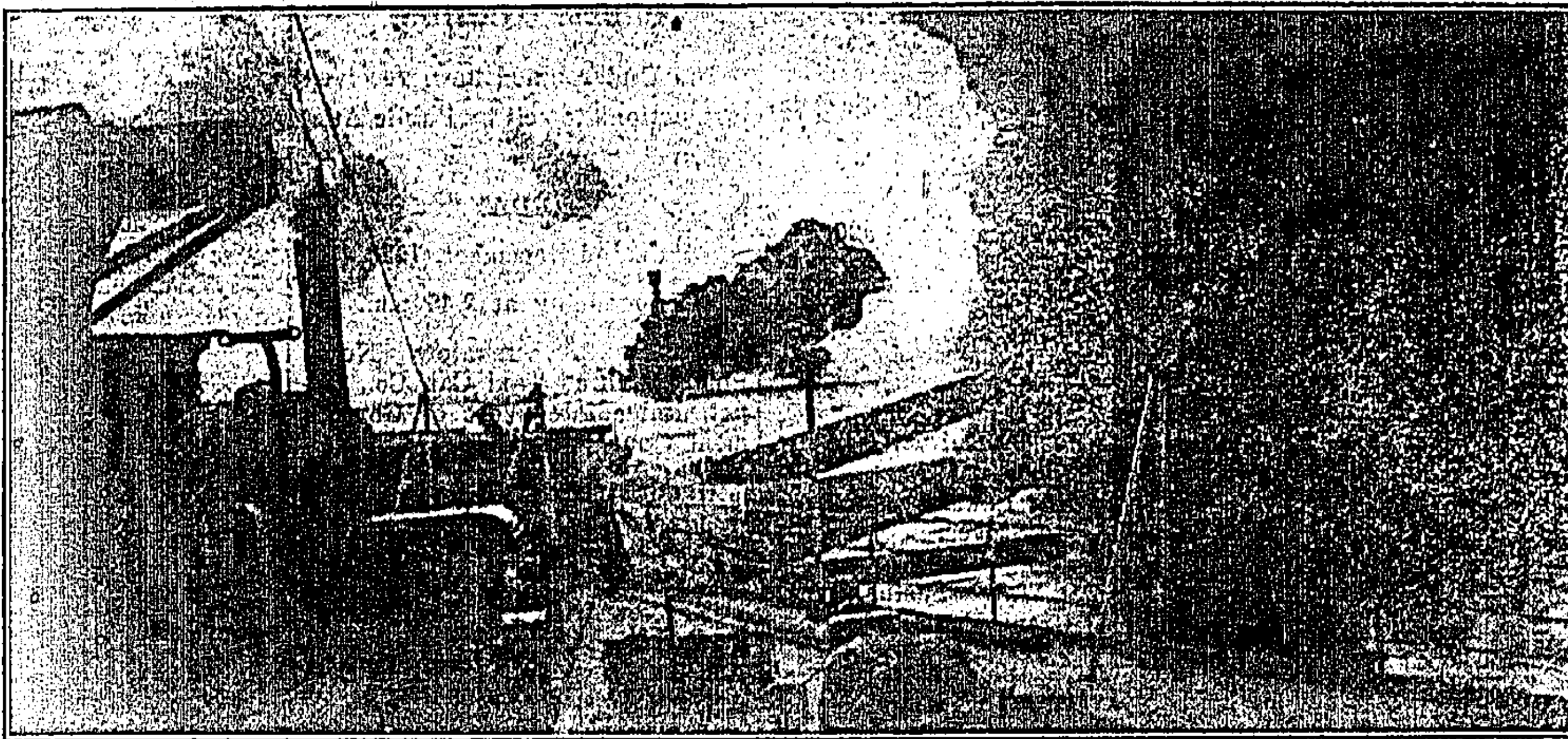
NEW TANKS.—Our picture shows two of the new tanks which were on view at the demonstration witnessed by the Dominion Prime Ministers and other Imperial Conference delegates at Cambrley. On the left is the latest heavy tank with its revolving turrets and on the right the "Honeymoon" tank. (Times copyright.)



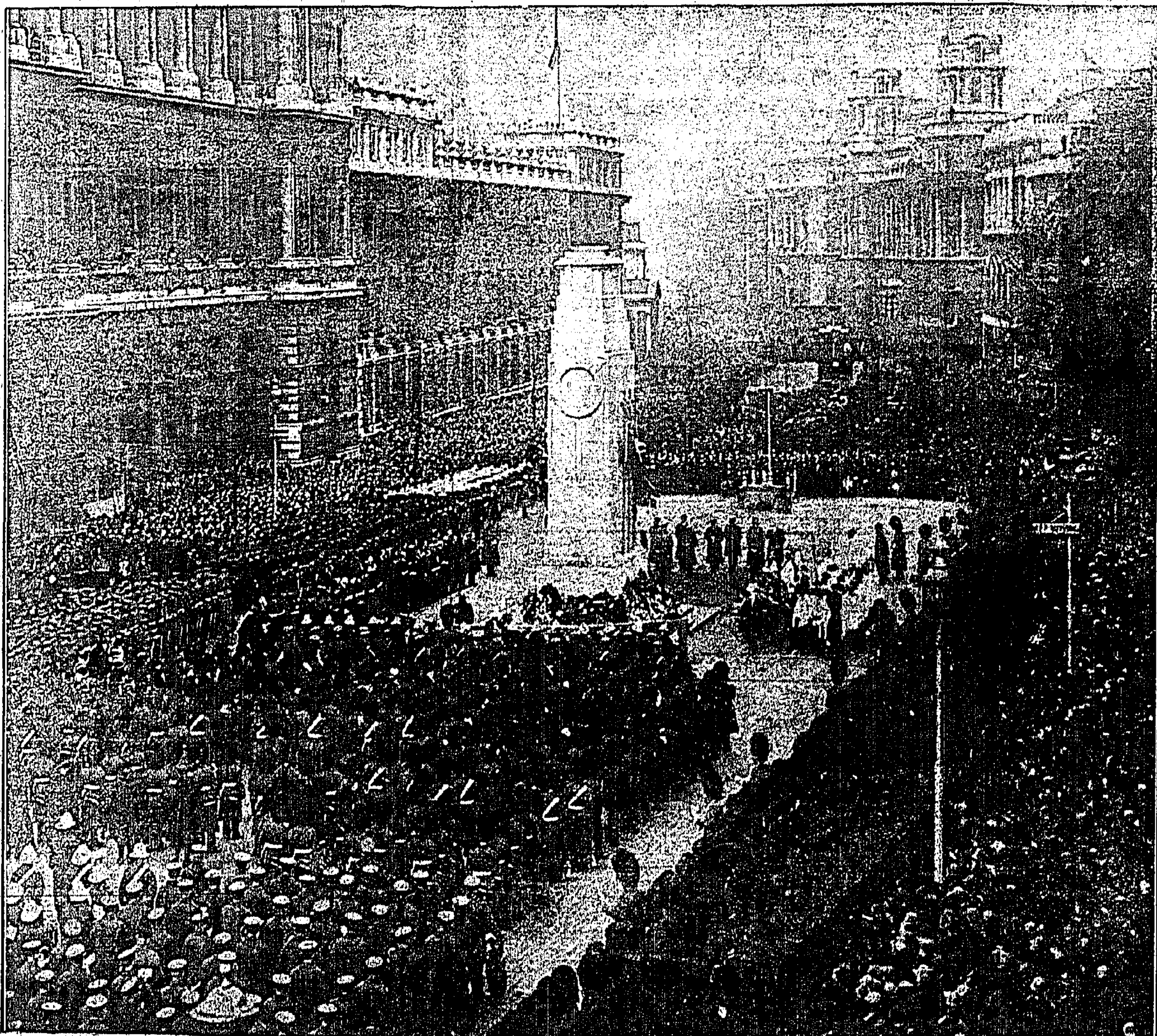
OFF TO GREENLAND.—The ship Morrissey, threading its way through the pack ice of Baffin Bay on the Hobbes expedition to Greenland.



NOT SO FAST.—Dr. Albert A. Michelson, University of Chicago physicist, who gave the National Academy of Sciences something to think about at Philadelphia by announcing his revised computation of the speed of light. It's not true that light's velocity is about 186,182 miles per second, said Dr. Michelson; it goes only 186,173 miles per second!



THE NAVY AT WORK.—The 15 inch guns of the battle-cruisers, Hood and Repulse in action during the concentration firing on a target towed by the sloop, Snardragon. (Times copyright.)



AN EMPIRE'S HOMAGE TO ITS FALLEN.—Our picture shows a view of Whitehall during the Armistice service and part of the enormous crowd that stretched from Parliament-Square to Trafalgar-Square. The Royal party is seen on the far side of the Cenotaph and the Dominion Prime Ministers are on the left. (Times copyright.)

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
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PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

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Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

(sgd.) CHOW SIK CHEUNG.

Dated at Hongkong, this 17th day of December, 1926.

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M A C A O.

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The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstake will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Saturday and Monday, the 25th and 27th instant.

NOTICE.

PEAK CHURCH.

There will be Holy Communion at the Peak Church, on Christmas Day, at 8 a.m.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23RD DECEMBER, 1926, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th September, 1926, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 14th December, 1926, until Thursday, 23rd December, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order,
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 8th Dec., 1926.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless instructions are received from the Consignees 12 hours before arrival requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday the 28th December, 1926, at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Friday the 31st December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday the 28th December, 1926.

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Hongkong, December 22, 1926.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 4th January, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong December 22, 1926.

Melbourne.—Sam Clapham, the Yorkshire wrestler, made his final appearance before sailing for home in an eight ten-minute rounds contest against Mike Yokel. The match, which was at catchweights, both men scaling 12 st. 10½ lb., resulted in a draw, neither securing a fall. Clapham returns to England via America shortly.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

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CRICKET NOTES.

[BY "TWO LEGS"]

For three consecutive weeks, not a single match in League cricket has been left unfinished. Bowlers generally seem to be reaping a harvest at present, and last Saturday's figures were again very convincing.

Whereas in England the supremacy of the bat is acknowledged, and the so-called "cricket reformers" are agitating for more assistance to the bowler by suggesting the introduction of a smaller ball, the enlarging of the wicket, the altering of the l.b.w. rule, etc., the state of affairs in Hongkong appears to be just the reverse; if the results of the last three weeks can be taken as any criterion. It would seem, therefore, that there is no need to "brighten" local cricket, at least for the time being.

Civil Service had no difficulty in beating the C.R.C. Robertson and Paterson, new-comers to the 1st XI, did well with the ball, and upheld the bowling strength of their side, which was not fully represented, due to the absence of Ling, Reed and Evans. After dismissing the home team for under the three-figure mark, the Civil Service batsmen went in for a merry time.

Over at Kowloon, Lyal and Goodwin bowled in their best form. Strong as Kowloon admittedly are, the failure of the Varsity in not being able to put up anything like a decent score, was rather unexpected. Ramsay was again prominent with the bat, while Brace scored 40 of the best.

In the Second Division, the Navy victory over the Police, came as a surprise. While no individual batsman on the winning side did exceptionally well, of the eight men who were "out," the consistent scoring of seven of them was responsible for the respectable total of 162 runs. Lacey certainly appears to be a very fine bowler and sound bat, and with another all-round player in Alexander, the Police might yet be able to make up for this defeat, in their remaining matches.

Hiptoola, of the University, must have felt a keen disappointment when his side went down to R.A.O.C., after his wonderful bowling performance of 8 for 44. At a time when it did not seem any too difficult to overtake the visitors' small total of 117 runs, and especially after the good start that Ong gave them, it was hard luck that the other Varsity batsmen could do no better than get only 33 runs between the ten of them.

The I.R.C. did not have to exert themselves to secure another three points, at the expense of the H.K.C.C. The Indians are a very well-balanced side, and are hard to beat. Their match with the Recreation on January 15th, will probably decide the Champions of the Junior Division. The Portuguese team will have the advantage of playing on home ground.

Two matches were postponed last week. The R.E. and S. v. Navy postponement was unavoidable, as the Service teams have to rely on being able to obtain the loan of a ground, on account of the deplorable state of the Happy Valley pitch.

It is a pity that the H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C. game had to be put off, as it seems rather a problem now as to when they will be able to play, seeing that the Cricket Club 1st XI are booked up to April 9th. Unless the H.K.C.C. can manage to cancel their friendly either with the University, on February 12th, or Kowloon on March 5th, and accommodate the I.R.C. on one of these dates, it looks as if these two Clubs will have to wait until towards the end of the season before they will be able to meet.

Civil Service continue to forge ahead in the First Division, but it cannot be said that they have been tested to any extent in the five matches that they have played. They have still to meet Kowloon, H.K.C.C., K.O.S.B., and the Navy, and it is more than probable that they will be fully extended by one of these teams.

What with the Club v. United Services, Army v. Navy, and the University Past v. Present fixtures, League cricket will take a

PUBLIC MONEY.

(Continued From Page 1.)

School at Quarry Bay, all of which have involved various small expenses which were not foreseen and cannot properly be met out of building funds or special expenditure. Removal of furniture has had to be paid for and this vote has also been drawn upon for purchases of ink and remuneration of Hansard reporter to Board of Education.

This vote is to be met from savings under other headings.

SUNNING PIRACY.

The Police Department anticipates a further expenditure of \$1,000 on account of Secret Service work, and the request for that sum is explained by the following statement:—A sum of \$8,000 was provided in 1926 Estimates and a further sum of the same amount was asked for and recommended by the Finance Committee on 22nd July owing to expenditure being heavier than was anticipated due to exceptional circumstances.

Owing to expenses in connection with the Sunning piracy which it is anticipated will amount to \$1,700 the sum of \$1,000 is asked for further to supplement the vote.

SHAMSHUPO RECLAMATION.

Under the heading of Port Works, Extraordinary, the sum of \$7,500 is asked for to pay for further reclamation work at Shamshupo. The reasons for the excess are stated to be:—The construction of the seawall to the reclamation was suspended in 1922, on the recommendation of the Town Planning Committee to extend the reclamation seawards. The present contract is completed except the works suspended in 1922.

It is considered to Government's advantage not to proceed with the extension to the Reclamation, to terminate the present contract, and to let a fresh contract for the construction of the seawall in accordance with the original proposal.

The supplementary supply is required to meet the cost of about 4,500 cubic yards of pell mill rubble deposited for the nullah and seawall foundation during 1922/23 (under-payment detected in the final measuring up) and other minor works in connection with the final certificate for the present Contract.

A sum of \$120,000 has been voted for 1927 to complete the work.

RAILWAY MOTOR TROLLEY.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway asks for \$359 on account of Plant. It is explained that "in the 1926 Estimates a sum of \$3,300 was provided for purchase of a new motor trolley under Kowloon-Canton Railway special Expenditure. The cost estimated by the Crown Agents greatly exceeded this sum and it was decided to endeavour to put the old trolley in working order and leave the question of a new one until 1928. The old motor trolley has now been put in working order by the Chief Mechanical Engineer at a cost of \$358.09.

As this expenditure was not anticipated when the estimates were prepared a supplementary vote is required. The vote of \$3,300 will not be spent.

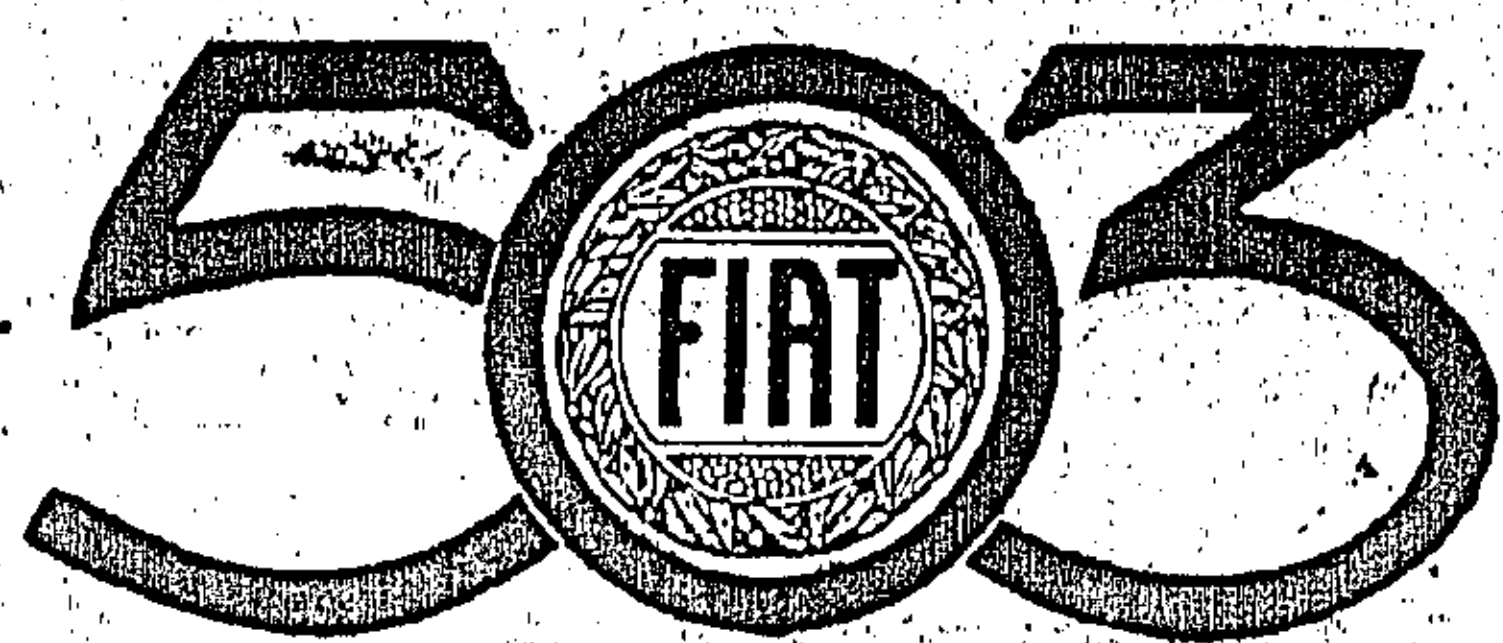
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The Star now has a continuous run of pictures from 5.15 to 8.45 and again at 9.20. Dick Norton and his "New Globe Trotters" appear at the 7 p.m. and 9.20 p.m. sessions, with complete change of programme.

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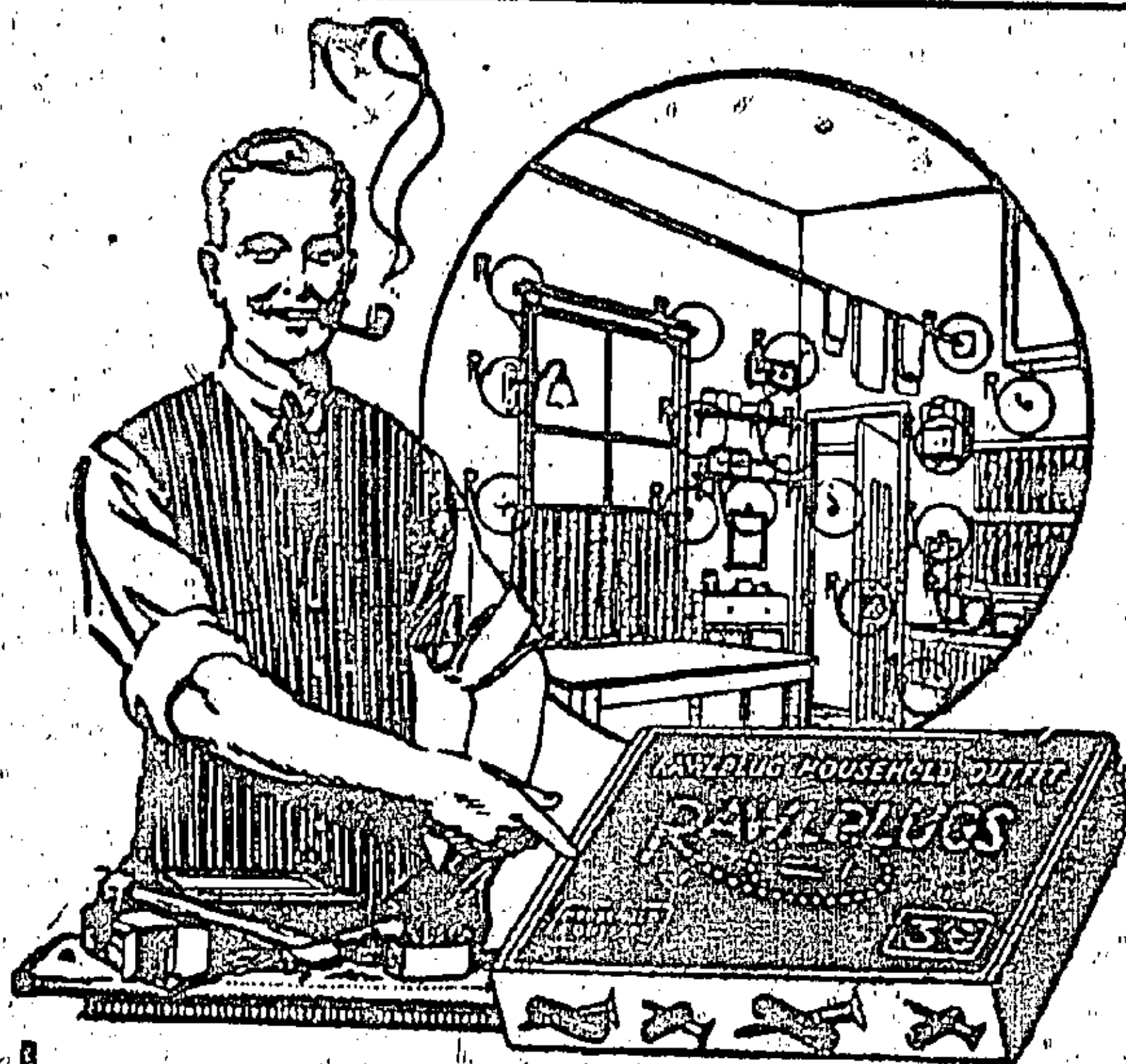
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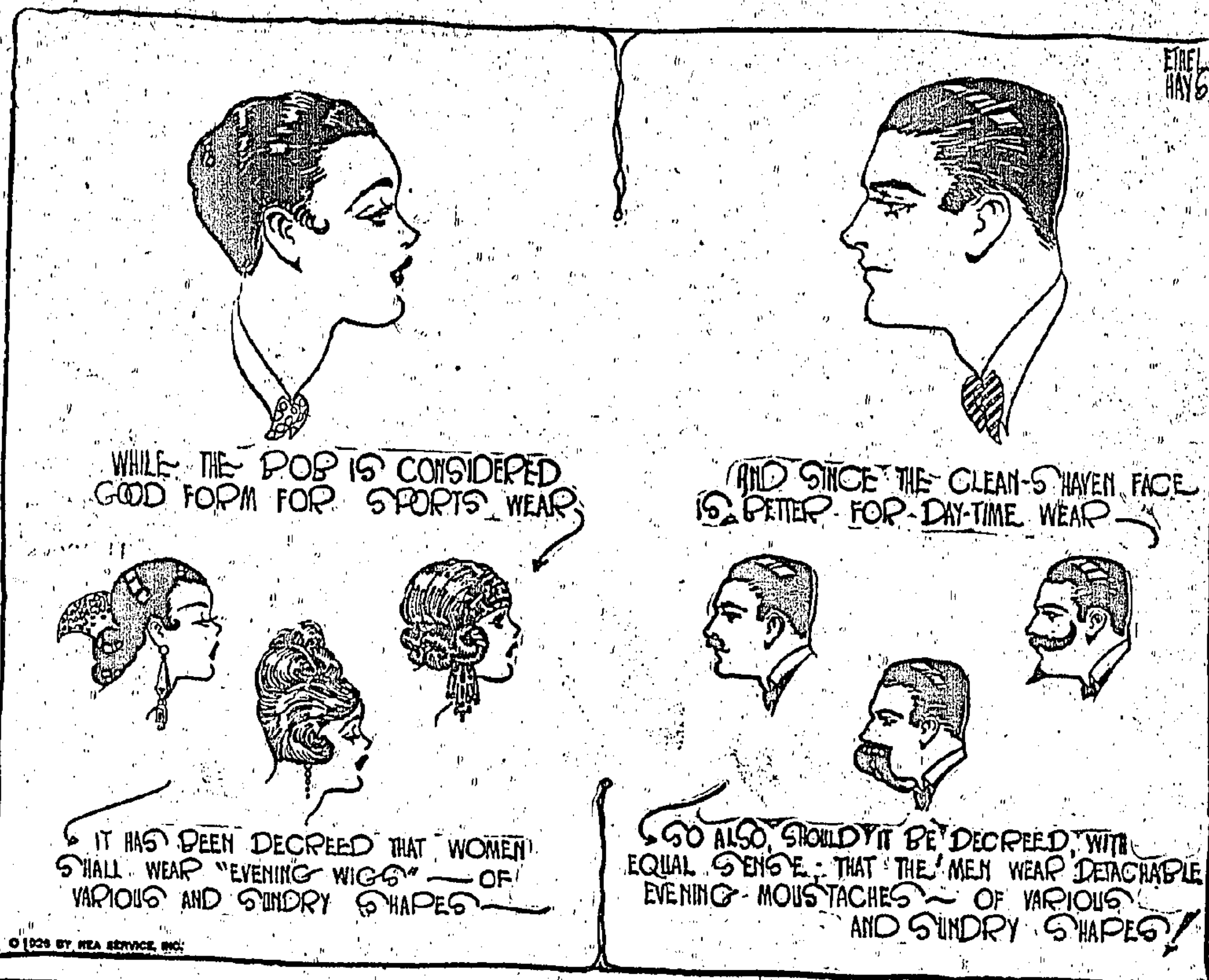
The Hongkong University Law Journal has, with its second issue, become a permanent quarterly publication. The first issue was purely experimental. The Staff, graduates and students interested in it had no idea how it would be received, but copies of it travelled into China, Japan, Europe and the United States and it received such support and encouragement from so many quarters that it was decided to make it a permanent publication, as it obviously supplied a long-felt want.

In its new number its scope has been greatly extended.

Among its aims is scientific study of Chinese law, and to help forward, in some measure, the process of legal regeneration in China. Beginning with the present number, it will appear in January, April, July, and October of each year.

The new number contains many interesting legal articles, among them one on Extraterritoriality by T. Baty, LL.D., D.C.L. This is worth reading. Others are "The Chinese Family and Property. Law in Netherlands Indies," by Dr. Godfried von Faber, translated by J. Fenton, Ph.D. "Seventeenth Century Jottings on the Law and Administration of China," by A. L. Baron Hay, B.A. "The Difficulty of Authentic Translations of Chinese Laws in Hongkong Courts," by H. K. Woo, LL.D. (Lond). "The Institution of Marriage in China," by Lo Tung-fang. "Chinese Marriage Law in English Courts," by G. W. Keeton, B.A., LL.D. "The Significance of the Chin Dynasty in Chinese History," by I. Ho Tung, B.A. "Fascism as a factor in Italy's Legal and Constitutional Development," by M. A. Khan, B.A. "An Outline on the Origin and Development of Japanese Law," by S. Hachiuma, "Notes on Chinese Civil Law," by Charles Pingin Wong. "The One Man Company" by G. Van Bergen, A.I.S.A. (Lond). "Earl Macartney's Embassy to Peking, 1792-1794," by G. W. Keeton, B.A., LL.D., and a number of book reviews.

WILL IT COME TO THIS?



New York, Oct. 16.—Edward West Browning to-day entered suit for separation against his wife, Frances ("Peaches") Heenan Browning. The papers were signed in Poughkeepsie late to-day by Supreme Court Justice Morcha-

ser. N. Ots Rockwood of New York city was named as guardian ad litem for Peaches, who has just turned 16, in the separation suit order. Attached to the document, which was presented to Justice Morchauser by Francis C. Dale

and John E. Mack, attorneys, acting for the millionaire realtor, was an affidavit signed by Rockwood. In the affidavit Rockwood accepts the appointment as guardian of Peaches.

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CURRENT RADIO TOPICS.

NOTES AND NEWS—LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

NEW HIGH-SPEED WIRELESS.

SIGNOR MARCONI'S TRIUMPH.

Senatore Marconi, in addressing representatives of the Press at Marconi House yesterday, says the *Morning Post* of Oct. 21st, announced that the Post Office had approved of the beam service and had taken over the stations, and that high-speed wireless telegraphic service between this country and Canada would be opened to the public at midnight on the following Sunday at two-thirds the present cable rates.

So another epoch passes in the development of wireless communication, and is yet another triumph for Great Britain. It was Mr. C. S. Franklin, also of the Marconi Company, who first gave a demonstration of beam wireless before the Institution of Electrical Engineers in 1922, and this demonstration was repeated by Senatore Marconi in New York the following year. Since that time the entire resources of the Marconi Company have been concentrated in perfecting the system in order that Great Britain might have the finest wireless telegraphic service in the world.

THE STATIONS.

The sites occupied for the stations to communicate with Canada are at Bodmin, Cornwall, and Bridgwater in Somersetshire. These sites are also utilised for the stations to be used for communication with South Africa, which are practically complete. Similar stations are being built at Tetney, near Grimsby, and at Wintborne, near Skegness, for communication with Australia and India. These stations are almost completed and are expected to be in operation within a few months, thus completing the present Imperial scheme.

OTHER SERVICES.

The Marconi Company also holds a licence from the British Post Office to conduct wireless telegraphic services with certain Continental countries and all other foreign countries outside Europe. A station at Dorchester is nearly completed for communication with North and South America, and a corresponding station is also in progress of construction in Rio de Janeiro.

Senatore Marconi, in the course of his address, outlined the difficulties that were met in perfecting the beam system, and described the stringent test of the Post Office. "The official Post Office requirements," he said, "laid down that the stations for the Canadian service should be capable of communicating at a speed of 500 letters a minute each way, exclusive of any repetitions necessary to ensure accuracy, during a daily average of eighteen hours. A demonstration fulfilling these conditions was required to be given by actual working to and from Canada for seven consecutive days.

This test took place between October 7 and October 14, and the guarantees, which were regarded by everyone as being extremely stringent, have been successfully fulfilled. During these and the preliminary tests speeds of 1,250 letters a minute over the whole circuit have been worked for hours on end. Counting every hour of the seven-day test, the average speed of signalling has been about 600 letters a minute in each direction or 1,200 letters a minute over the complete circuit.

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.

"These results," declared Senatore Marconi, "have abundantly justified our faith in this new system and indicate that the stations will be more than capable of handling all the traffic that is likely to be available between England and Canada."

High hopes were entertained by Senatore Marconi of successful trans-Atlantic telephony by utilising the beam system.

The principal characteristic of the new system, he said, was that the waves carrying the messages were transmitted within a small angle—ten degrees—in any desired direction, instead of being allowed to spread in all directions.

B-POWER UNITS.

HOW TO GET THE BEST RESULTS.

BY J. E. ROBERTS.

The radio shows have disclosed considerable interest in B battery eliminators.

Even A battery eliminators are being introduced, and receivers operated directly from the house electric lighting circuit. But greatest progress so far has been made with the plate or B battery eliminator.

A B eliminator is an apparatus that replaces the dry or storage batteries used heretofore for plate voltages, converting the alternating, 100 volt, 60-cycle current furnished by electric lighting companies to the direct current of varying voltages required for radio receivers.

For good service, only the best type should be bought, one made and guaranteed by a reputable manufacturer.

VARIABLE TYPE BEST.

This should be designed for control of the detector and intermediate voltages, for while we know that the only change in a dry-cell B battery was down, as it was being used up, the fluctuations in the eliminator are up and down. This is because it takes its power from the generator at the power-house, which is subjected to fluctuations of "peak loads" and "valleys" according to demands made on the current supply.

Eliminators are economical on receivers of four or more tubes. The more tubes, the more economical it will be, compared with dry batteries.

But one certain kind of current must be available for B eliminators, or they won't work. That is 110-volt, 60-cycle alternating current. Before installing an eliminator be sure this is the current supplied to your home.

The standard B eliminator will not work on direct current. Also, certain territories are supplied with alternating current, but of the 25-cycle variety, and the use of an eliminator, designed for 60 cycles on a 25-cycle line, is disastrous, to say the least.

NO HUM WANTED.

With these conditions fulfilled, the next big point to consider is that of a "filter" in the apparatus to eliminate the "hum" of the alternating current. It is almost impossible to eliminate all the "hum" of the alternating current, especially with the use of "head phones." But B eliminators aren't designed for head-phone reception. They're volume reproducers.

Yet it must be remembered that your receiver has been designed for voltages from the dry or storage batteries known until now. The result of an eliminator's installation, therefore, may be a "squal" from stray currents, or "choking" of the tubes.

Sometimes the speaker will blast, from an excess of B voltage. All these can be corrected by careful adjustment of the eliminator currents to the characteristics of the receiver.

If the loud speaker "blasts," it may be advisable to have a "filter" installed in the line from the set to the speaker. This consists of a resistance of about 25 megohms and a fixed condenser of 2 microfarads, placed between the plate and the positive B terminals and one side of the speaker, while the other terminal of the speaker is attached to the negative terminal of the A battery.

HOW RADIO IS SUPPORTED.

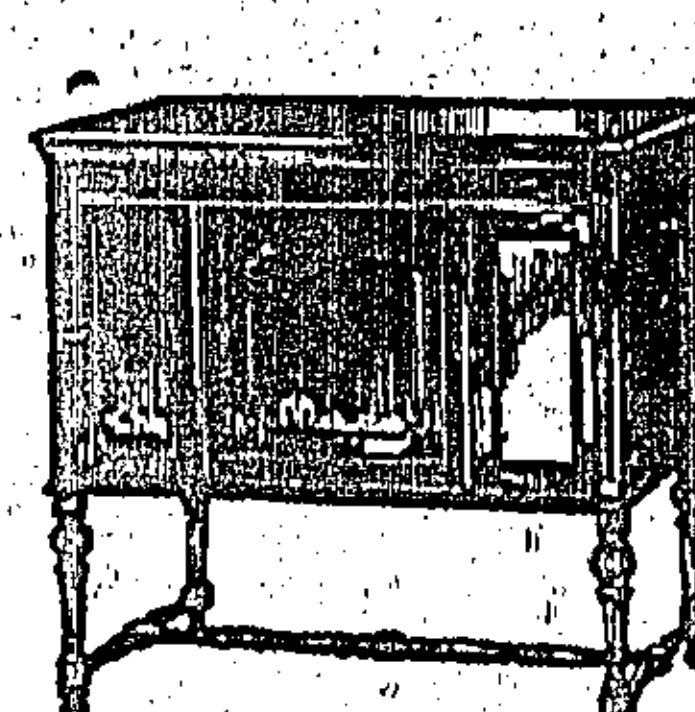
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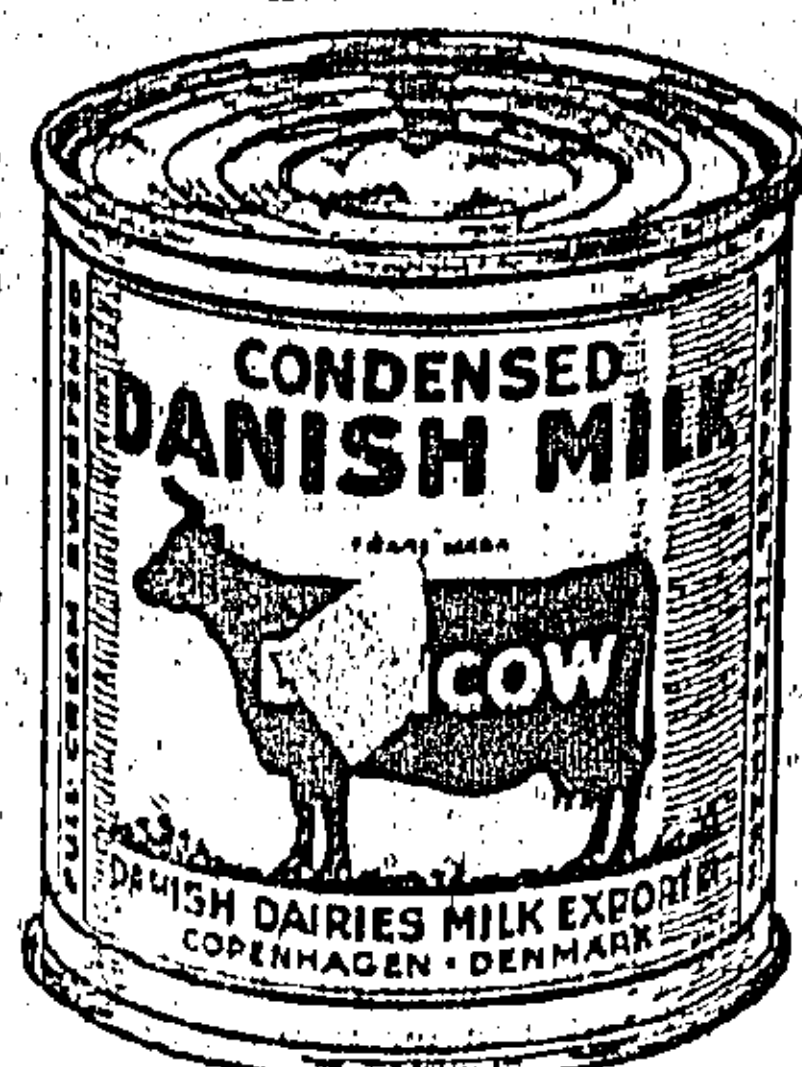
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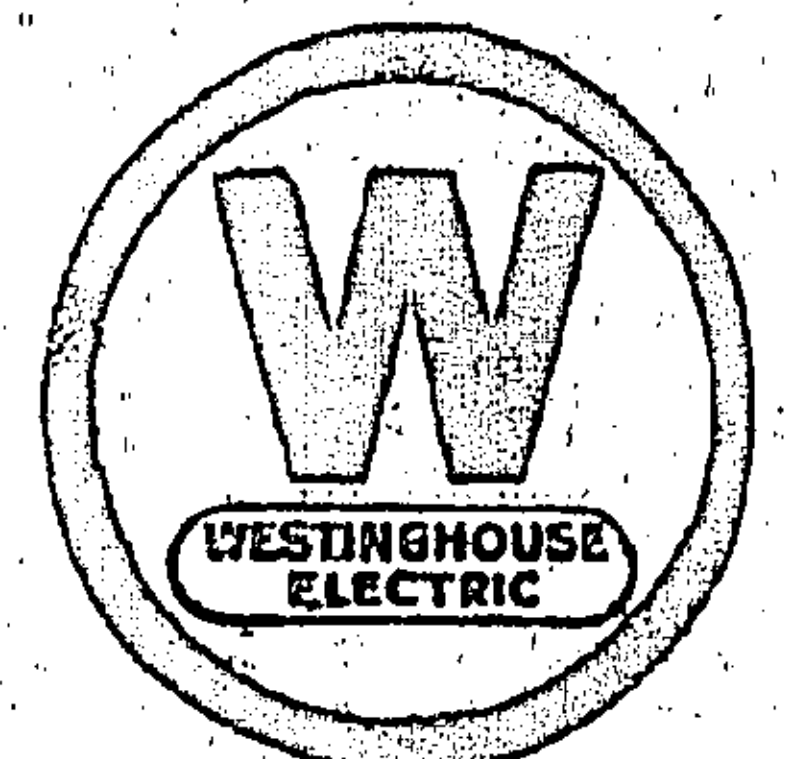
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WAR DEBTS.

COMMENT ON UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM.

London, Dec. 21.
Commenting on the Columbia
University war debt memorandum,
the Daily Telegraph declares "it
is a most courageous document,
and emphasises that any conference
called by the United States,
"and no other power would think
of calling it," would naturally be
welcomed by the debtor nations.
"We are confident that the ap-
pel, which is based on a large,
generous view of a very complex
situation, will make steady head-
way. It is only its progress which
is in doubt."

The New York newspapers, are
giving the manifesto a foremost
place, thus calling national atten-
tion to the topic hitherto left al-
most exclusively in the hands of
the Government.

The New York Times declares,
"The penetrating study of the
entire matter by the Columbia
authorities should be set down as
an event which will have great in-
fluence in changing the mental at-
titude and altering the interna-
tional policy of the American peo-
ple."

The "Times" Comment.

The London Times recognises
that the general conference ad-
vocated by the Faculty of Political
Science of Columbia University
could hardly approach the ques-
tion of the war debts without re-
opening the matter of reparations
and throwing once more into the
melting pot the fundamental pro-
visions of the Versailles Treaty
and the settlements made under it.

The paper considers the real
value of the memorandum lies in
the evidence it affords that a sec-
tion of educated opinion in the
Eastern States accepts the views
and arguments continuously pre-
sented upon America by her Euro-
pean creditors.—*Reuter.*

A New York message of Dec. 19
stated that the Political Science
faculty of Columbia University
had issued a long memorandum
contending that war debts settle-
ments are unsound and foster a
deep sense of grievance against
the United States. The faculty
advocated complete reconsid-
eration of debts and reparations in an
international conference.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

CONDITION APPARENTLY SLIGHTLY IMPROVED.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.
The Emperor's condition war-
rants the belief that there is no
immediate crisis. The members
of the cabinet, except the Pre-
mier, have returned to Tokyo to
attend to urgent business in con-
nection with the convocation of the
Diet on the 24th.—*Reuter.*

AN EARTHQUAKE.

A COLOMBIAN TOWN DESTROYED.

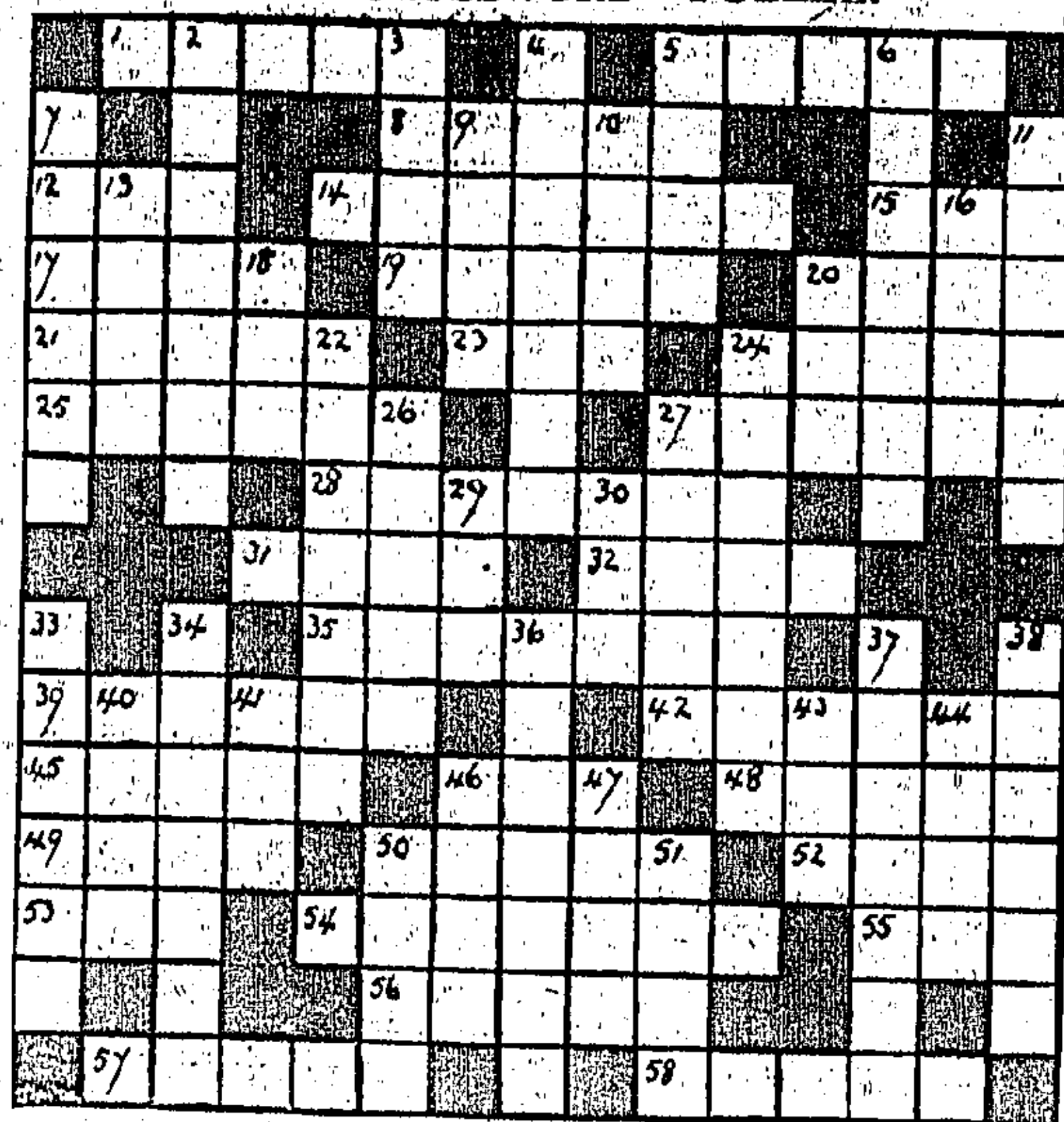
Guayaquil, Dec. 21.
The town of Carlosama, in Co-
lombia, has been destroyed by an
earthquake.
Mount Cumbal is believed to be
erupting.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice.*

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.

"LOOT."

Washington, Dec. 21.
Senator Borah declared that the
Comptroller General's report, re-
ceived yesterday, disclosed the
worst system of looting ever
known; and predicted a Senate in-
vestigation after Christmas.—
Reuter's American Service.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

1. Put forth.
5. Animal.
8. Raise up.
12. Over.
14. Seed of the anise.
15. Branch of Army. (Abb.)
17. Large Shed.
19. Musical direction.
20. Large Pillar.
21. Wood.
23. Royal Horticultural Society.
24. Chaplain.
25. Writ of Execution.
27. Taciturn.
28. Rope on ship.
31. Wind instrument.
32. Visible sign.
35. Pertaining to Olympus.
39. Diadems.
42. Conductor.
45. Hearts of things.
46. Resting place.
48. Invest with clothing.
49. Person's deance.
50. Fixed times.
52. Throw out.
53. Steep flax in water.
54. Closet.
56. Unit.
58. Renovate.
60. Stock of a merchant.
61. Chloride of sodium (pl.)

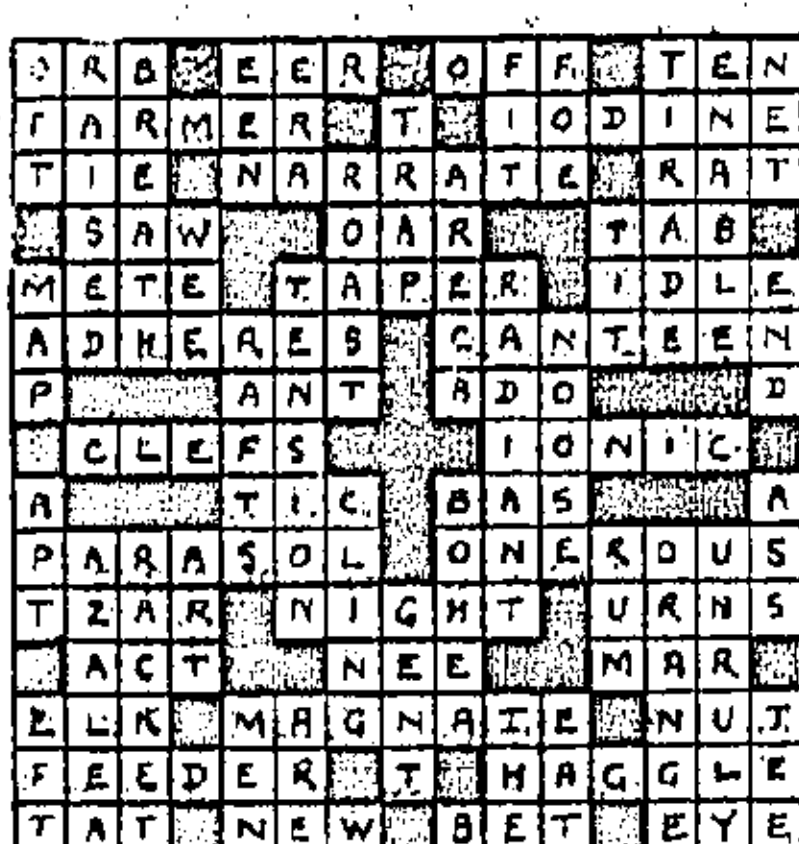
Down.

2. Dog.
3. Branch.
4. Pertaining to Easter.
5. Plant.
6. Stops.
7. Cut short.
9. Prevaricator.
10. Small mounds of sand.

11. Herons.

13. Nobleman.
16. Heron.
18. Young Horse.
20. Friend.
22. Narrow webs of silk.
24. Perforated.
26. Mechanical instrument.
27. Sluggard.
29. Weight.
30. Tiresome child.
33. Agreement.
34. Series of elliptic syllabisms.
36. Assembly.
37. Impenetrably hard.
38. Ridges on mountains.
40. Gown.
41. Molst.
43. French superficial measure.
44. Narrative poem.
46. Young child.
47. Valley.
50. Pointed missile.
51. Stitches.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



A BANDIT RAID.

BRITISH RANCH IN MEXICO LOOTED.

El Rio, Texas, Dec. 21.
Bandits raided a British-owned
ranch 90 miles south of the Mexi-
can border, and have driven off
several hundred horses and thou-
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BOLIVIAN TIN MINES.

BIG PURCHASE BY U. S. BANKS.

New York, Dec. 21.
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headed by Messrs. Lehman Broth-
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chased a substantial interest in
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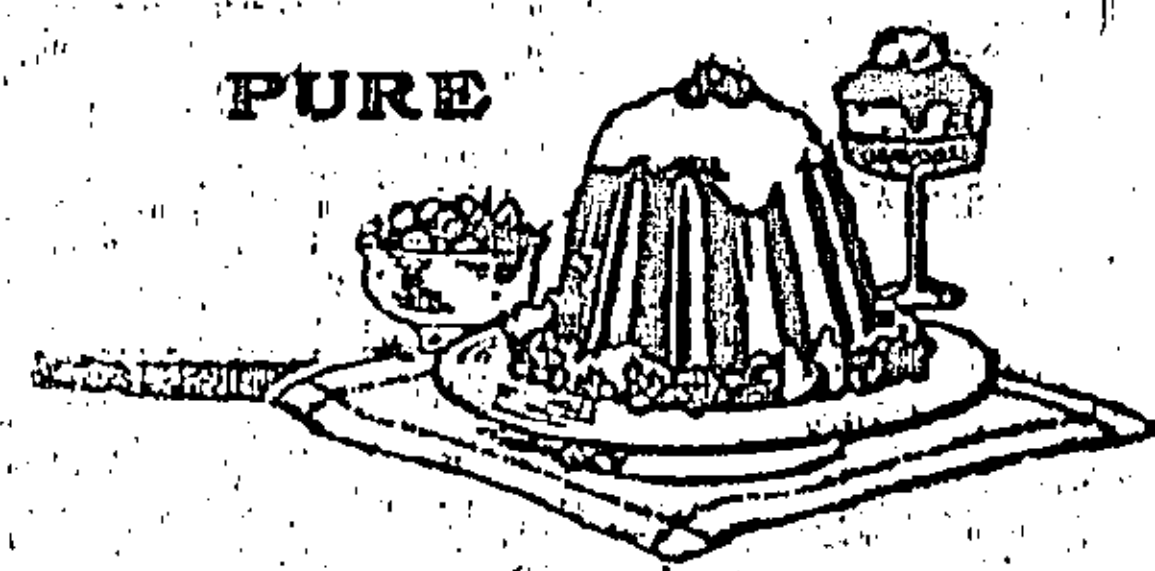
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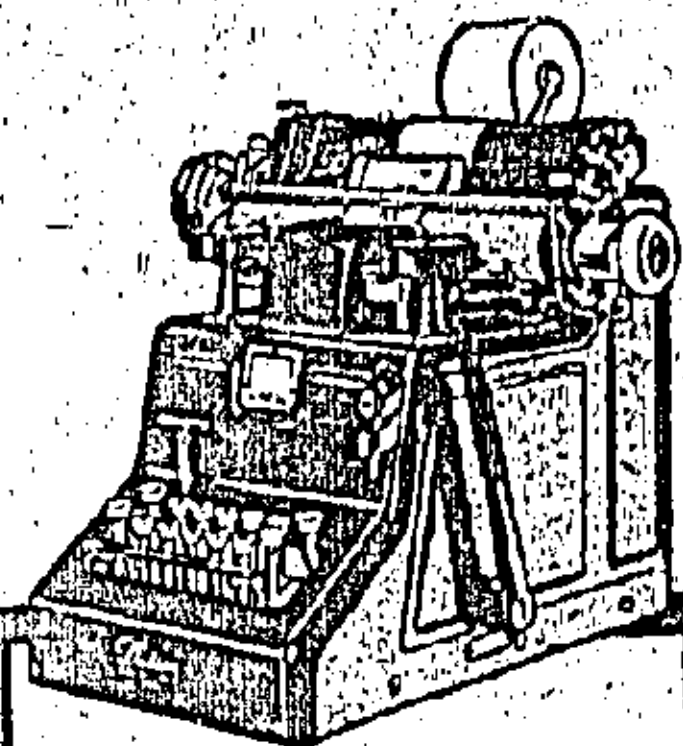


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The Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1926.

BRITAIN COMES OUT.

Although the text of the new Note setting forth the policy which Britain desires to see adopted by the Powers towards China has not yet been published, it is evident that the document contains much that is of vital importance at the present juncture. It would appear that Britain has been "hampered hitherto" by the necessity of keeping in line with the other Powers, and that divergences of viewpoint have prevented her from adopting the liberal policy which she favoured. The consequence has been that we have borne much of the obliquity which should rightly rest on other shoulders. The new step taken is therefore hailed at home as an indication that Britain has decided to follow a line of action which she considers warranted by the altered conditions, in the hope that the Powers will agree that the time has come to consider the whole Chinese question, in all its ramifications, afresh.

Whilst there can be no ground for doubting that Britain intends safeguarding fundamental rights, it is clear, from what has already leaked out, that the new policy is liberal in character and that it is aimed at demonstrating the fact that Britain is a real friend of China and, as such, is anxious to see the reasonable national aspirations of the Chinese people realised. The gesture now made should be of the utmost value as a corrective to the illusions which have existed regarding Britain's real intention towards the Chinese, and it should have the effect of clarifying the attitude of all the Powers in regard to the China problem. The Note, it is significant to observe, has been communicated to all the representatives of the Powers both in Peking and London, and it therefore brings forward the whole Chinese problem for international consideration. In that sense, it is equivalent to the understanding reached at Washington that there should from time to time, on occasion warrants, be a full and frank interchange of opinions between the Powers on the Chinese situation. Apparently all the principal aspects of the problem are dealt with in the Note, and it would appear that Britain favours a most liberal policy in regard to the imposition of what are known

as the Washington surtaxes. So much is to be gathered from the statement that the disposal of the revenue from this source should be left to the decision of competent local Chinese authorities. There is, seemingly, no mention of the abolition of likin, which was, in the Nine Power Treaty, considered a pre-requisite to the levying of the surtaxes, whilst even China herself, at the Tariff Conference, was willing to promise the abolition of these internal imposts simultaneously with the granting of tariff autonomy. The impression left, therefore, is that Britain is prepared to make fresh concessions on this particular issue.

In the absence of the full text of the Note, however, it would be unwise to presume too much, but we can at any rate feel gratified at the obvious intention of the Home Government to follow a policy which can be freely adapted to the changing situation in China. It would be well of course, if there could be unanimous agreement amongst the Powers on the many issues involved, so that in moments of emergency there would be no fear of divided counsels. But if that is impossible to secure, then we are all for Britain going ahead on lines which she considers politic and wise. For it is conceivable that to attempt to keep in step with others, irrespective of the merits of the case, might under certain circumstances, react disastrously on our position vis-a-vis the Chinese.

Italian Unrest.

In his address following the elevation of two Archbishops to the rank of Cardinals, which ceremony took place at a secret Consistory yesterday, His Holiness the Pope made reference to the political state of Italy and deplored the recent attempts on the life of Signor Mussolini. He went further, and lamented the outbreaks of violence which had followed those attempts, but added that he was pleased that the Government had taken strong action against all those responsible for that violence. Judging by the comments we have seen made in some of the leading political journals of London lately, it would appear that the outside world hears but little of what is even now going on in Italy—all in the name of patriotism. The Government of Signor Mussolini is earning the reverse of a good name for itself although its followers make much noisy affirmation of the country's solidarity. The Italian Press has, it is said, virtually ceased to function as an agent of free expression, and it is extremely difficult for the people of Rome to get any news of what is happening in the great provincial towns. So far as Rome itself is concerned, the Government has succeeded in keeping the worst hooligan elements in check, although there have been beatings and assaults on men who dare to differ from the Fascists, but in some of the provincial towns there is said to be a state of tyrannous opposition to all not avowedly Fascist. There have been new repressive laws and few independent newspaper correspondents now remain in Italy. One well-known English journal goes so far as to draw a comparison between Rome and Moscow and says that there is much to be learned from the belief that Italy is drifting towards a ruin of which rumours and forebodings are already reaching the outer world. That is a disheartening picture and one with which lots will disagree, but there are many sincere well-wishers of Italy who look with growing alarm at the intense political intolerance which is manifest in that country.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. James Harper Taggart, director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., residing at the Repulse Bay Hotel, to Mrs. Mary Turner, widow, of 738 Fell Street, San Francisco, U.S.A., and of Mr. Guy Athel Harrell, passenger agent, Dollar Steamship Line, residing at No. 4, Des Voeux Road, to Miss Edith Amy Marsh, of No. 4, Des Voeux Road.

DAY BY DAY.

THAT HAPPY STATE OF MIND, SO RARELY POSSESSED, IN WHICH WE CAN SAY, "I HAVE ENOUGH," IS THE HIGHEST ATTAINMENT OF PHILOSOPHY.—Zimmermann.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of diphtheria and one of typhoid fever. All were Chinese.

The Empress of Canada left Shanghai at 1 p.m. to-day and is due here on Friday.

The P. and O. liner Khiva, which left Shanghai at 4 p.m. yesterday, is due here on the 24th at 7 a.m.

The P. and O. liner Kalyan, which left Singapore at 10 a.m. yesterday, is due here at 10 a.m. on the 26th instant.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council is to be held at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday.

A Congregation for the conferring of degrees will be held at the University of Hongkong on Tuesday, January 11th.

From Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., the well-known men's wear specialists, we have received a handy little desk calendar for 1927.

It is advertised that the Exchange Banks will be closed to the transaction of Public Business on Saturday and Monday, the 25th and 27th instant.

Engineer Lieut. Comdr. S. O. Frow has been appointed to H.M.S. Hawkins, and Engineer Lieutenant C.M.S. Kingdom to H.M.S. Wishart.

Commd. Gunner (T) A. J. Ward has been appointed to H.M.S. Carlisle (Nov. 20) and W. E. Pitts, to H.M.S. Repulse, appointment to H.M.S. Carlisle cancelled (December 30).

Through falling into the coal bunkers of the steamboat, Sui Tai, a Chinese was fatally injured yesterday. He died a few minutes after admission into the Government Civil Hospital.

Mr. Ho Leung, compradore of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, yesterday reported to the police that one of his shirts absconded with \$3,000, collected from different shops.

Mr. R. J. Goodman, Superintendent of the Store, Department of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., won \$7,885.50 with ticket No. 5037, in the "A" Cash Sweep at Fanling races on Saturday.

The return of the number of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday last shows two Chinese cases of diphtheria, both fatal, and three Chinese cases of enteric fever also fatal. The Colony had a clean bill of health on Monday.

An application for the confiscation of four revolvers and 550 rounds of ammunition, was made by Sergeant Burnside before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The arms, which were found in a passage way on board the s.s. President Jefferson, were accordingly ordered to be confiscated.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Empress of Canada, President Lincoln, General Metcalf, President Jefferson, Tjisalak, Angers, Khiva, Namsang, Toireslas, Kwangtung, Kalgan, Sui An, Alina, Sulyang, Seangbee, West Islip, Kiungchow, Philoctetes, Mexico Maru, Sumatra Maru, Cheribon Maru, Taikwa Maru and Nitto Maru.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, Dec. 21.
Paris 120/3
Brussels 34.88
Amsterdam 12.13
Stockholm 18.15
Copenhagen 18.21
Vienna 34.37 1/2
Prague 163/4
Lisbon 217/32
Buenos Aires 43.18/32
Bombay 1/5.15/10
Yokohama 2/0 1/2
New York 4.85 1/10
Geneva 25.07 1/2
Milan 108.1 1/2
Berlin 20.83
Oslo 10.23 1/2
Helsingfors 102 1/2
Madrid 81.74 1/2
Rio 5 1/2
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Hongkong 1 1/2 1/2
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In addition, there is a range of culture pearls, and these too are delightful, portraying practically the same characteristics as the genuine pearl; indeed, it takes an expert to detect the difference. An attractive collection of mounted pieces of jewellery is included, and these are suitable for ladies or gentlemen. It should be mentioned that the prices are unusually low, the proprietors desiring to realise as much cash as possible for New York requirements. The exhibition therefore offers a unique opportunity of acquiring either real or culture pearls at most reasonable prices.

It is always a pleasure to pay a visit to Komor and Komor's art rooms, where a tastefully arranged display of curios and other objects of art are on view.

HOME BYE-ELECTION.

LABOUR RETAINS SEAT.

London, Dec. 21.
The bye-election at Smethwick, due to the resignation of Mr. J. E. Davison (Labour) resulted as follows:
Mr. Oswald Mosley (Lab.) 16,477
Mr. Marshall Pyke (Con.) 9,495
Mr. Edwin Bayliss (Lib.) 2,600

At the last General Election, the figures were:—Mr. J. E. Davison (Labour), 14,491; Mr. J. M. Pike (Conservative), 13,238.

The new member is the eldest son of Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., and was educated at Winchester and Sandhurst. He served in the War, and was formerly in the 16th Lancers. He married Lady Cynthia Curzon, daughter of the late

"TESS."

NOW SHOWING AT THE QUEEN'S.

Once again, the Queen's Theatre is providing an excellent all-round programme for its patrons. The chief attraction is the film version of Thomas Hardy's "Tess," and it can be said that the main features of that classic are well brought out. There are, of course, great difficulties to overcome in screening such a tale, in which the thoughts and ruminations of the leading characters are best handled through the medium of the written word, but, none the less, the story is well told in skeleton form in this film. The outdoor scenes are for the most part actually laid in the Wessex country and they thus give a reality to the picture which would otherwise be lacking. Indeed, the photography throughout is admirable, whilst the acting of Blanche Sweet as Tess, Conrad Nagel as Angel Clare and Stuart Holmes as Alec D'Urberville is most effective. All the pathos and tragedy of the story are well brought out, although the more poignant situations are rather long-drawn-out, whilst there is a deal more of the religious atmosphere than one associates with the tale. Moreover, there is a rather surprising deviation from the novel when, at the close, Tess secures a reprieve and "lives happy ever after" with Angel Clare. We can, however, commend the film as a really powerful drama, which holds the interest from start to finish.

Beside the main film, there is a Gaumont news reel and a Prizma coloured picture of Torquay, whilst Conrado de la Cruz is heard in a very cleverly played violin solo. His finger-work and technique was excellent yesterday and he was loudly applauded at the close.

Marquis Curzon. Represented Harrow Division, 1918-1924. He has an independent mind and has spoken with effect more than once in Parliament. Joined the Labour Party in 1924, and his wife, Lady Cynthia Mosley, is also a prominent Labourite.

At the last election he unsuccessfully contested the Ladywood Division of Birmingham, losing narrowly to the Lt. Hon. Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Conservative).

The Very Idea!

A man with a rare and interesting home with him or have it in title died in New York recently. He was not The Homeliest Man in the World, nor The Richest Man in the World, nor yet The Man With the Reddest Hair in the World. No, Maria Jose Mora died with the distinctive title of The Man-Who Had No Bath for Twenty Years. Mora became convinced, some 20 years ago that bathing "washed off the spark of life." So he took no chances with his "spark," and permitted no water to touch his epidermis.

We laugh at poor Mora, and yet it is not half a century since bathing was forbidden by law in some vicinities. The first bathtubs had been invented eight years before they dared install one in White House!

"Your dad will spank you," Mother said.
"You naughty little scamp," But dad was tender-hearted.
Heaven's,
He wouldn't lick a stamp.

The "Emperor's Rug," woven in Persia in 1550, and known as one of the five most valuable rugs in the world, was brought to New York recently by Victor Behar, Glasgow art dealer, and placed on display at the Metropolitan Museum. English experts, according to published reports, value the piece at \$1,000,000.

Judge Florence E. Allen of the Ohio Supreme Court is as interested in all problems which concern the working woman as in the legal matters of her court. One of this woman jurist's pet dissertations concerns the lack of consideration given to working women by the commercial world.

"It is almost impossible for a woman to go into a store and buy a garment utterly ready to wear. The hem must be stitched in, the buttons refastened because they are sewed on too loosely or have come off while in stock, the sleeves must be shortened, and the belt moved. Can you imagine a man buying a coat which needed all this attention? If a man can't take his gar-

PRISON DISCIPLINE.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST
"INDIAN WARDER."

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. J. W. Franks (Superintendent of Victoria Gaol) instituted criminal proceedings against an Indian assistant warder for a breach of prison discipline and for offering a bribe to a European warder to have the fact concealed from the knowledge of the prison authorities.

Mr. Franks said he felt that the departmental powers conferred on him were not sufficient to deal with an offence of the serious nature shown in the present case.

In effect, such offences would lead to a serious laxity in prison discipline. The defendant was charged with giving five envelopes to a prisoner employed in the printing workshop to have an address printed thereon, and later, when the fact was about to be reported, to have offered Warder Collins \$5 as a bribe.

Mr. McCallum, who defended, in commenting on the wording of the section material to the case, argued that the defendant's act, although contrary to disciplinary rules, could not have benefited the convict, and therefore did not come within the spirit of the section.

When the offence was reported, the defendant very properly came forward with a full admission, said Mr. McCallum, and a further point well worthy of consideration was that the address on the envelopes was that of an Indian friend in America.

Mr. Franks cross-examined defendant on the "consideration" that would accrue to him from his fulfilment, at great personal risk, of his order, and defendant replied that he naturally expected that his order would be unhesitatingly obeyed.

His Worship adjourned his decision on this charge for fuller consideration of the point raised by Mr. McCallum.

As regards the charge of bribery, evidence was heard from Warder Collins, who stated that he witnessed the passing of the envelopes to the convict; and that defendant was very persistent in his appeal to him not to report the matter to the Superintendent.

According to the witness, the exact words in English uttered by the defendant were:—I shall be suspected for these papers, because I shall see Superintendent. He will fine me \$5—much better you take it and send prisoner back to work."

Mr. McCallum, in cross-examination, asked witness properly to realise the strict importance of using the defendant's own words. Defendant's English would be almost as perfect as witness' own, according to what was quoted.

Witness said that defendant spoke fairly good English—the average of what Indian warders spoke, according to prison standards.

Mr. Franks mentioned that defendant held a first certificate for English. This was the lower of the two standards in language qualifications for Indians.

Assistant Chief Warder W. J. Robertson, pressed by Mr. McCallum for his views, stated that "fairly good English" was spoken by defendant. Later he said that he did not say it was as perfect as that revealed by the words quoted by Warder Collins.

Making his statement from the witness-box, defendant stated that what he actually said to Warder Collins was this:—"Give me these, please. Superintendent fine me five, six dollars." He denied, in cross-examination by Mr. Franks, that he was hinting at a bribe in making mention of money.

His Worship said he could not convict on the charge of bribery, on the evidence, although there possibly was a desire to offer money.

After Mr. Franks had argued that the convict would not have taken on himself the risk of printing the envelopes had he not got *quid pro quo*, Mr. Lindsell remanded the defendant until Friday to consider the point of "benefit" which had been raised.

Senator William M. Butler who is a guest at the White House, said that he did not intend to retire as chairman of the Republican National Committee because of his defeat by Senator David I. Walsh in the Massachusetts senatorial contest on November 2. President Coolidge also indicated that he saw no reason for Senator Butler to retire from the chairmanship of the committee.

MR. MILES LAMPSON AT HANKOW.



Mr. Miles Lampson (left), the new British Minister to China, is here seen with Mr. Douglas Fraser, of the London Times, aboard H.M.S. Petersfield at Hankow, where the conversation with Mr. Eugene Chen took place.

PEAK SCHOOL.

LADY CLEMENTI PRESENTS
PRIZES.

The annual concert and prize-giving, in connection with the Peak School was held in the concert hall of the Peak Club this morning, when prizes were distributed by Lady Clementi, in the presence of a large gathering of children, relatives, and friends. Others present included Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, (Education Department), the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, and Mr. S. B. C. Hornell.

The annual report, prepared by Mrs. Stark, headmistress, which was read by Mr. E. Ralphs, stated that the school year began on January 4th with 52 pupils and closed on December 23rd with 54 pupils, the average attendance for the year being fifty. Many children had been kept away from school, from time to time, with influenza colds. One case of infectious disease was notified—chicken-pox. The school was thoroughly disinfected and no other case occurred. Dr. Minett medically examined the children with good results.

Miss Peck, acting Headmistress, gave over her charge to Mrs. Stark, former Headmistress on January 7th. Mrs. Lambert joined the staff on January 15th. Miss Birt went on leave on February 6th. Miss Peck resigned and went home on March 24th. On April 26th, Miss Duckwell joined the staff.

Twelve children were presented in June for the Royal Drawing Society's Preparatory Examination. Ten out of the twelve passed, and four obtained Honours. The class work and examination work in all subjects had been satisfactorily done throughout the year.

The children gave a display of singing, dancing, and recitation in the Peak Club during the Easter Term and it was greatly enjoyed by all who saw it. They were to have given the same display again on July 22nd in aid of charity, but the bad rain storm and typhoid necessitated a postponement. Meanwhile the money gathered by the children was handed over to Mr. Copley Moyle who sent it Home for the upkeep of a cripple child. Those who bought tickets for that display had been asked to come to this one instead. The children had also worked for charity in the M. C. L. Club held at the Mount from May to September.

The report concluded by expressing thanks to all the staff for their willing help and co-operation throughout the year.

THE PRIZE LIST.
Lady Clementi distributed prizes for general proficiency to the following:

Class 10.—George Cardwell, Peter Cornaby, Robin Hall, George Piercy, Peggy Lambert, Joan Bloomfield, Joan Blackwell, Daphne Macready, Robin Henderson, Catherine Sherry, Charlotte Sanger, Hugh Featherstone, Anne Marcel, Paul Hofstede, Amy Hofstede, Anne Forster and Pauline Gray.

Class 9.—Elaine Conant, Betty Noll, Helen Forster, Jane Dallin, Margaret Tod, David Wallace, David Crook, Malloch Stark, Richard Cassidy, Harold Conant, Freddie Rodgers and. Creswell Clementi.

Class 8.—Margaret Forster, (Class Prize 1st); Shiona MacKichan (Class Prize 2nd and Drawing Certificate); Robert Rodgers (Class Prize 3rd); Edward Rodgers (Class Prize 4th); Helen Lindsell (General Improvement); and Bobby Yates. (General Improvement).

Class 7.—Nancy Hornell (Class Prize 1st and Honours Drawing Certificate); Heather Hance (Class Prize 2nd and Drawing Certificate); Betty Conant (Conduct Prize and Drawing Certificate); Barbara Hance (Drawing Certificate).

Class 6.—Muriel Gubbay (Class Prize 1st and Special Prize for Neatness); Marion Lane (Class Prize 2nd, Honours Drawing Certificate and Special Prize for Scripture); Mary Chesterton (Class Prize, 3rd and Drawing Certificate); Edward Bullock (General Improvement and Honours Drawing Certificate); Morley Horder (Drawing Certificate); Joyce Kearney (Honours Drawing Certificate).

INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

The programme given by the children commenced with the play, "La Belle au Bois Dormant," the following taking part:—Marion Lane (Queen), Morley Horder (King), Rosemary King (Princess), Teddy Bullock (Prince), and Mary Chesterton, Barbara Hance, Heather Hance, Joan, Frank, Olga Durrtschmidt, Betty Conant, Nancy Hornell, and Muriel Gubbay (fairies). The play was spoken in French and was excellently presented.

This was followed by the humorous song, "Ten Little Nigger Boys," and a dance, "The Elf and the Dormouse." An Irish Jig was danced by Nancy Hornell, Rosemary King, Helen Lindsell, and Shiona MacKichan. A recitation, consisting of a part from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was acted by C. Clementi, (Oberon), Shiona MacKichan (Queen), Bobby Rogers (donkey), Jackie Updell (Puck), Helen Lindsell, Aileen Provost, Margaret Forster, and Stella Bullock (fairies), and Muriel Gubbay. All the children took their parts well, and the dancers showed considerable ability.

Lady Clementi expressed her pleasure at being present and said she had enjoyed herself very much. She congratulated Mrs. Stark and the staff on the efficient manner in which the children had been trained, and wished them all a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.

Thanks were expressed to Lady Clementi for her attendance by Mr. E. Ralphs, after which Miss Rosemary King presented her ladyship with a bouquet.

There is some anxiety being felt in Canton at present following the reports that about 2,000 of the remnants of General Tang Pook-yun's army, who have been co-operating with the forces of General Chan Kwang-ming, are showing much activity against the Kuomintang in Hainan Island. It is reported that they have joined hands with some of the bandit chiefs and that they intend making an effort to seize control of the island. The local peasants' organisation is urging the magistrate to send an urgent telegram to Canton asking for immediate action in dealing with the situation.



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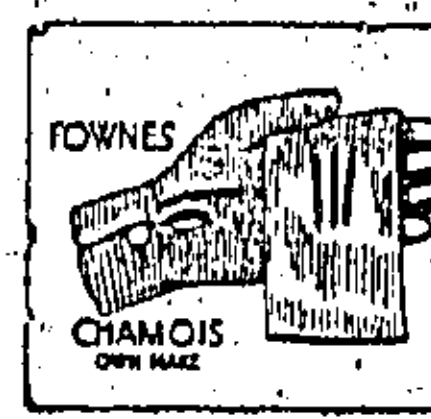
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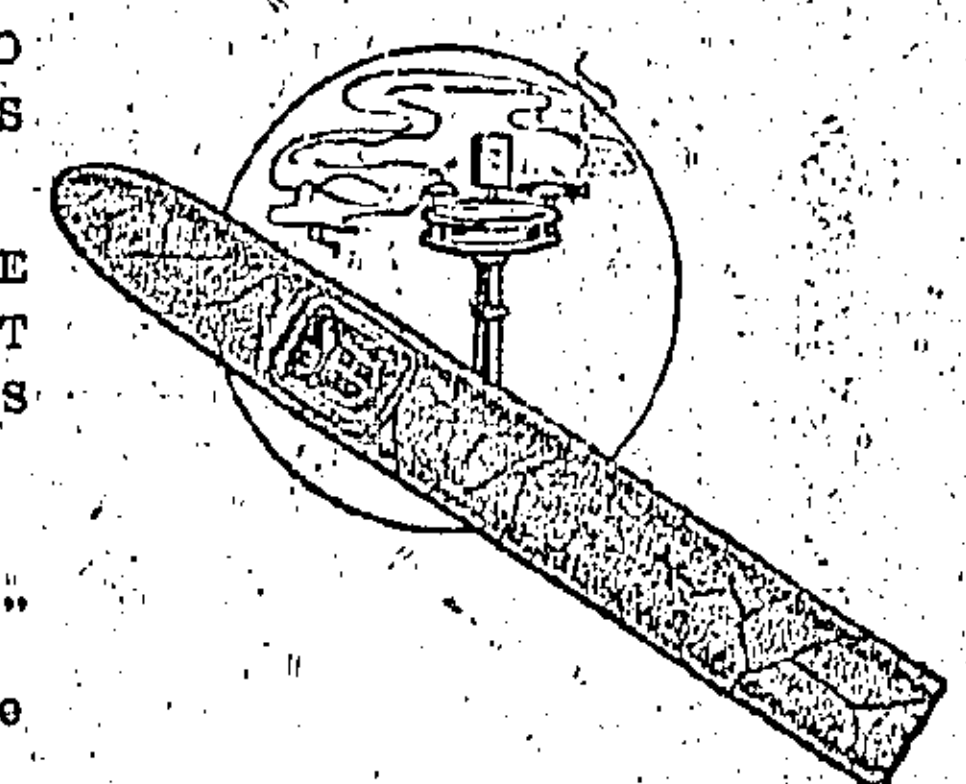
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BRITAIN'S POLICY.

HOME COMMENT.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

Until the other treaty Powers have had an opportunity of reading the British memorandum upon the Chinese situation, London official circles continue reticent as to its contents. The newspapers generally, however, welcome the move taken as an effort to clarify some aspects at least of an extremely complicated situation, and to get back as far as present conditions allow to the proposals made at Washington nearly five years ago.

Although it contains definite proposals, particularly in regard to surtaxes, the British document is described here as a general exposition of the British attitude towards China, rather than a concrete scheme for a comprehensive settlement. It is emphasised that the memorandum must not be taken as a sequel to the recent conversations between Mr. Lamson, the New British Minister to China, and Mr. Chen, the Chinese Foreign Minister. Its composition dates prior to those meetings.

No Intervention.

The Manchester Guardian says, "There is no suggestion in the memorandum that regional recognition will be given to any faction. It is a firm principle of the British proposals that no attempt be made by the Powers to intervene in China."

The Daily Chronicle recalls that the surtaxes proposed at Washington amounted to 2½ per cent on ordinary merchandise, and 5 per cent on luxuries, and says the British view is that these might be now applied by each province in which they are collected to its local needs. Such a solution, the Chronicle adds, would treat all China with impartiality. It simply enunciates the principle and leaves each effective authority to carry it out.—British Wireless.

BEAM TESTS.

HIGH SPEED OVER LONG
DISTANCE.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

During preliminary tests with beam wireless between stations at Grimsby, England, and Melbourne, Australia, speeds up to 225 words a minute during 50 hours of continuous working have been maintained, and the signals were exceptionally clear.—British Wireless.

PROHIBITION IN NORWAY.

NEW LIQUOR LAW.

Oslo.—The crushing defeat which the referendum has brought to Prohibition means that the whole alcohol trade will be reorganised in the nearest possible future.

Until now all sorts of wine and beer have been sold through a monopoly, half the shares of which are owned by the Government, whilst the other half is in private hands. The Minister for Social Welfare is already busy preparing a Bill to permit the Government to redeem all the privately-owned shares—a total of twenty million kroner—and to reorganise the monopoly as a State-owned institution effecting all sale of alcohol in Norway.

The Cabinet will propose to the Storting to abolish the Prohibition law, and no doubt exists that the Storting will accept the proposal. The Prohibition leaders are themselves recommending such a course, arguing that the people's will must be respected under all circumstances.

The rules under which strong liquor will be freed for sale are very simple. The Cabinet has decided to put no real restrictions on the trade, but will take steps to prevent "unworthy" persons from getting what is now a privilege very much coveted in Norway. No person under twenty-one will be allowed to purchase strong liquor, nor will any person be allowed to make such purchase if he has infringed the existing rules for the sale of liquor. Nor will a person be allowed to purchase liquor if he has committed any crime under the influence of alcohol.

To make these restrictions effective, the authorities will give legitimisation cards to all law-abiding citizens, and simultaneously the police will be authorised to deprive those persons of the card who commit any of the mentioned offences. The Cabinet's Bill will be presented to the Storting as soon as the session opens in January.

EFFECTS OF TOOTHACHE.

HOW ROGUE ELEPHANTS ARE MADE.

Experiments with monkeys in the cause of dental research were mentioned at the annual general meeting of the British Dental Association at Portsmouth.

Mr. F. W. Broderick (Bournemouth), the experimenter, said the monkeys were being fed on bananas, nuts, and currants, and he hoped for some important results. Mr. Broderick entered, a protest against the ruthless extraction of teeth, urging that every tooth should be considered separately, so that the innocent should not be sacrificed for the guilty. The effect of bad teeth on the health was frequently demonstrated; but the effect of bad health on the teeth should also be considered.

In a discussion Mr. A. E. Rowlett (Leicester) told the story of a dentist who had attributed the admirable teeth of the members of an orphan school he attended to the fact that they went to bed early. His hearers were inclined to laugh at the answer at first, but afterwards they saw the wisdom of it.

In a paper on tooth powders and pastes, Mr. F. N. Doubleday (London) remarked that the natural tooth was a more efficient masticating appliance than the best ever made by a dentist, and wherever possible it should be saved. Really clean teeth were much freer from disease than those where cleaning was neglected. He told a story about a servant who, when asked by her mistress, "Don't you ever use a tooth brush?" replied "Yes, mum, but I have come for a month on trial, and I didn't think I need bring one."

Mr. H. F. Humphreys, in exhibiting a broken tusk of a wild elephant, described it as "a curious instance of toothache in an animal being fatal to several human lives." The elephant in returning from a trap in the Malay Peninsula snapped off a tusk. Later a rogue elephant, which had done much damage and killed several Malays, was shot by the exhibitor's brother, Mr. J. L. Humphreys, and was found to be identical with the trapped animal. The constant pain from the exposed pulp consequent on the fracture had converted the animal into a rogue.

TOWN HOAXED.

HOW THE TOWN OF
BAMBERG WAS FILMED.

Berlin.—A new story, painfully reminiscent of the Captain of Koepenick and his exploits, is reported from the South German town of Bamberg.

Bamberg is beautifully situated in Bavaria, and contains, among other fine old buildings, a magnificent cathedral dating from the eleventh century. To-day the number of inhabitants is about 50,000; they are occupied in brewing beer, manufacturing tobacco, and such-like smaller industries. When a member of a reputable film company approached the burgomaster with a view to filming moving pictures of the city for propaganda purposes, the proposal met with ready approval.

Not only was a room in the City allotted to the film company for their business, but the local police automobile, with policeman attached, was placed unreservedly at their disposal. Not only the burgomaster, but the chief of police and the city fathers borrowed money willingly to meet expenses incurred before the film company's cheque arrived.

On hearing that the town councillors had ordered a propaganda film the shops gave credit willingly. The bills in the best restaurants of Bamberg amounted to a considerable sum, and the number of pictures taken poured to a very real enthusiasm for Bamberg's beauty spots on the part of the film company.

Unfortunately, the photographer turned the handle of the film camera without so much as the reel of film behind the lens. This might never have become known if the camera itself had not been purchased on the instalment plan, and the manufacturing firm sent a man to requisition it in lieu of payment overdue. While the burgomaster and the police were interviewing this interloper, the entire film company managed to catch a train just leaving Bamberg.

Shop and hotel keepers are holding the burgomaster and his city coffers responsible for the damage.

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To the Burmese the ruby is a sacred stone, a symbol of that incarnation which immediately precedes the embrace of Divinity. Some of the famous rubies in the world have come from Burma. One, known as Gnaga Boh, or the Dragon Lord, weighed over 40 carats and was credited with miraculous influences.

In China, the ruby is held to be an emblem of such importance that it is used to embellish the cup of the Chief Mandarin. A ruby placed under the foundation is believed by the Chinese to give a building "a good destiny." Among the Persians the gem was used 62 years.

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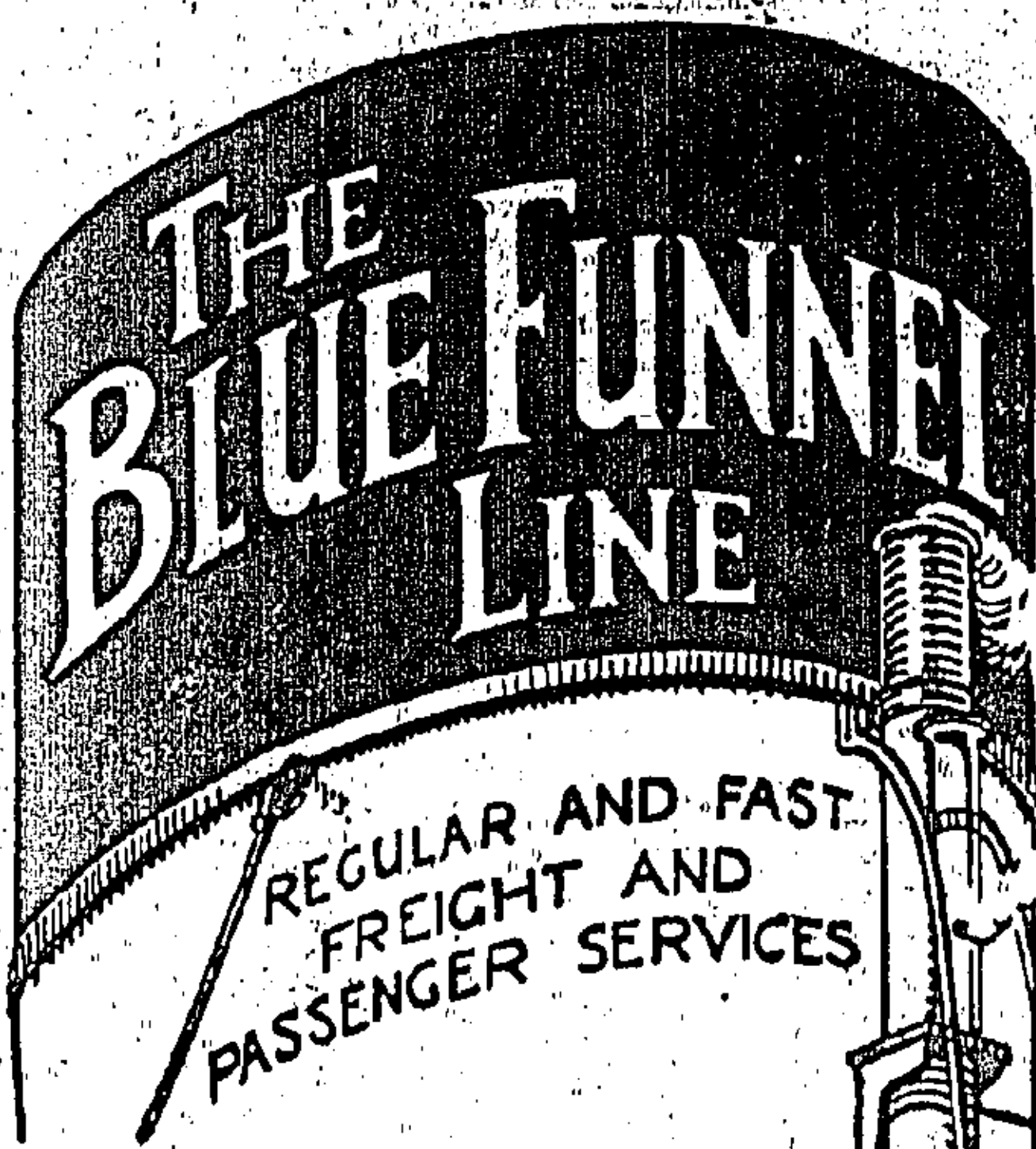
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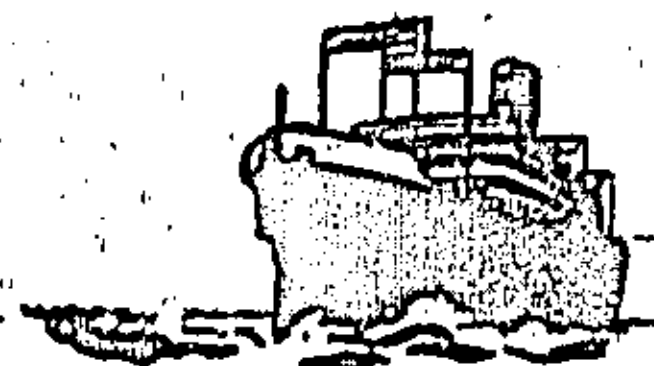
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HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Mingsang	Satur. 1st Jan	at 9 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai	Pooshing	Sun. 2nd Jan	at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Howsang	Mon. 3rd Jan	at 3 p.m.
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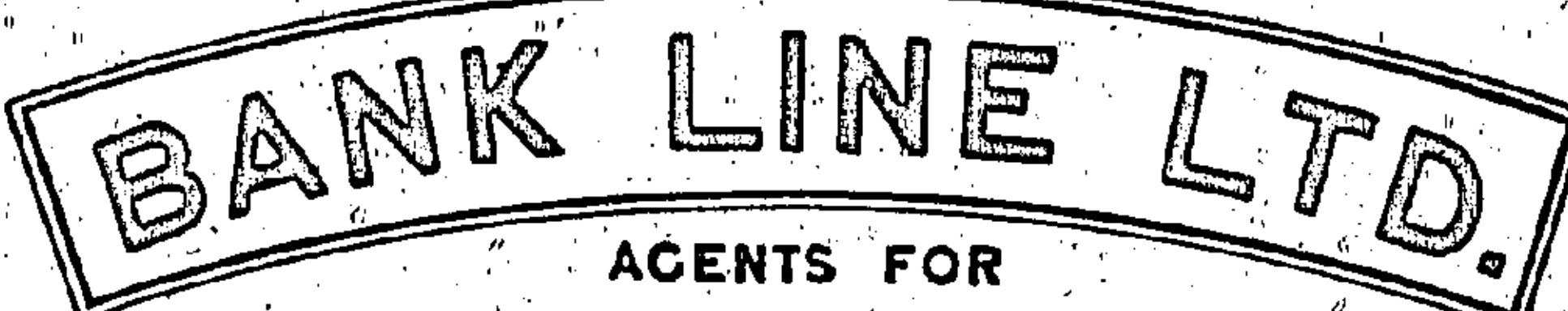
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BISHOP OF LONDON.

DUE TO ARRIVE IN
 HONGKONG TOMORROW.

The Bishop of London, who is due to arrive in the Colony tomorrow on the President Lincoln from Shanghai, will spend nine days here before leaving on January 1st by the Hakone Maru for Singapore. He is accompanied by Chaplain H. C. Thomas, Mr. O. A. Blyth, a personal friend, and a valet.

The Bishop will spend a very busy time in Hongkong for he has several engagements on most of the days he is staying here. The most important of these we give below:

Thursday, Dec. 23rd.

1.15 p.m., Guest of honour at tiffin given by members of the Hongkong Club.

6 p.m., Present at an "At Home" for Church workers in the Cathedral Hall.

Friday, Dec. 24th.

In the morning the Bishop will visit the Hongkong University and incidentally will meet informally members of the Hongkong University Christian Association.

Saturday, Dec. 25th.

8 a.m., The Bishop of London will celebrate Holy Communion in St. John's Cathedral.

11 a.m., Will preach in the Cathedral.

Sunday, Dec. 26th.

11 a.m., The Bishop of London is due to preach at St. Andrew's, Kowloon.

In the afternoon he will visit the Diocesan Girls' School and the Blind Home.

Monday, Dec. 27th.

It is hoped to make arrangements for the Bishop of London to visit Canton.

Tuesday, Dec. 28th.

10.30 a.m., The Bishop of London will address the quarterly service of the Mothers' Union in St. John's Cathedral.

4.15 p.m., The Bishop of London will attend the Victoria Diocesan Association reception in the City Hall.

8 p.m., He will be the guest of honour of the Oxford and Cambridge Society to dinner in the Hongkong Hotel.

Wednesday, Dec. 29th.

7.30 a.m., The Bishop of London will celebrate Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church.

In the morning he will visit the Diocesan Boys' School and the Victoria Home, Kowloon. He will proceed to Fanning for lunch.

3 p.m., The Bishop of London will give a Devotional address in St. John's Cathedral.

During the morning the Bishop of London will visit various educational institutions in the Colony.

1 p.m., He will be the guest of honour at a tiffin given by the Old Marlburians.

4 p.m., The Bishop of London will be present at an "At Home" to Chinese workers in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

9.30 p.m., He will give an address at a service for men in the Cathedral.

Friday, December 31st.

The Bishop and his party will visit Macao, returning to Hongkong on the same day.

He will be the guest of honour at a Chinese dinner arranged by the Hongkong Chinese Church Body.

CANTON BUSES.

RICKSHA PULLERS RAISE
 COMPLAINT.

Because of the increasing number of buses in Canton and the corresponding decline of the business of the ricksha-pullers, the Canton Ricksha-pullers' Union, on the 18th inst., sent twenty representatives to the various Kuomintang Headquarters, the Department of Agriculture and Labour, the Municipality, the Bureau of Finance, and the Military Headquarters, pleading for maintenance of the living of their members, says the Canton Gazette. The representatives were received by the delegates of the above Governmental organizations, who promised to do what is possible for the ricksha men.

Rumours that the ricksha-pullers would soon declare a strike had been fabricated, the executive committee of the Ricksha-pullers' Union stated to Gen. Chien Tachun, the Precautionary Commander, requesting him to instruct his subordinate to take extra precautions against false rumours spread by reactionaries.

LIENSHING'S LOSS.

OFFICERS GIVE EVIDENCE
 AT ENQUIRY.

Shanghai, Dec. 21. "It was owing to their disobedience of instructions that passengers lost their lives," declared Captain Simpson, at the Naval enquiry into the loss of the s.s. Lienshing, held at the British Court this morning.

Capt. Simpson stated that he had made 68 trips between Tientsin and Shanghai without having had an accident.

He left the bridge at 2.15 on the morning of Dec. 12, and went below. On returning at 3 a.m. he found the course had been altered. He went to get bearings at 3.50, but there was not any time for this, as the vessel struck the rocks 3 to 4 minutes after the second mate had reported rocks on the port bow.

The second officer, Mr. J. W. Manabe, stated to the Court that, contrary to the Captain's standing order, he had not informed the latter of the vessel's changed course.

The hearing was adjourned.—Pester.

Salvage of Ship.

The Naval Court of Inquiry is investigating the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the s.s. Lienshing, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., which struck the Amherst Rocks, 65 miles from Shanghai, in the early hours of Sunday morning, the 12th inst., occasioning the loss of a number of Chinese lives estimated to be about 40.

The Court sat in the British Court at Shanghai at 9.30 o'clock yesterday, and consisted of Captain Douglas Balfour Le Motte R. N., (President), and the following members: Lieutenant-Commander Felix Edward Chevallier R.N., Messrs. Allan Archer H. M. Shipping, Vice Consul at Shanghai, Edwin Monkman, master mariner s.s. Soochow, A. Forsyth master mariner s.s. Roserie.

The s.s. Lienshing went aground on the Amherst Rocks when on a voyage from Tientsin to Shanghai. It is estimated that there were more than 230 persons aboard the ill-fated vessel including 23 foreign passengers. A calm sea enabled all of these to take to the ship's boats safely and all would undoubtedly have been saved but for the unfortunate overturning of one of the life-boats throwing the occupants into the water and causing the death of about 40 Chinese passengers.

About ten minutes after the lifeboats had cleared the vessel she slid off the rocks and finally turned over on her port side with only a couple of feet of the starboard side visible above the water.

It is understood that attempts are to be made to salvage the Lienshing. Negotiations have been entered into between the ship owners and Mitsui and Co. the Shanghai agents for the Tokyo Salvage Company. The latter company is sending representatives to Shanghai to examine the wreck.

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Paris, Dec. 21. A report on tests of the so-called "white spirit" petrol substitute, which it is claimed is non-inflammable at temperatures below 85 degrees Fahrenheit, and it is possible to apply a match without setting it on fire, was read by the experimenter M. Dumanoir, of the Academy of Science. Dumanoir claimed that aeroplane experiments showed the new spirit was superior to petrol at 9,000 feet, though inferior at ground level, from the viewpoint of maximum engine revolutions.—Reuter.

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GLENAHOY	6th February.	L'don, R'dam & H'burg via Oran.	
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NYANZA	7,023	5th Jan.	S'pore, P'ang C'bo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	M'les L'don A'werp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	S'pore, P'ang C'bo & B'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles & London
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ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
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8 a.m. "KINSHAN" 8 a.m. No Sailing

SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER
2 a.m. "LUNGSHAN" 8 a.m. "KINSHAN"
8 a.m. No Sailing 3 p.m. "LUNGSHAN"

SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER
No Sailings No Sailings

MONDAY 27th DECEMBER
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TUESDAY 28th DECEMBER
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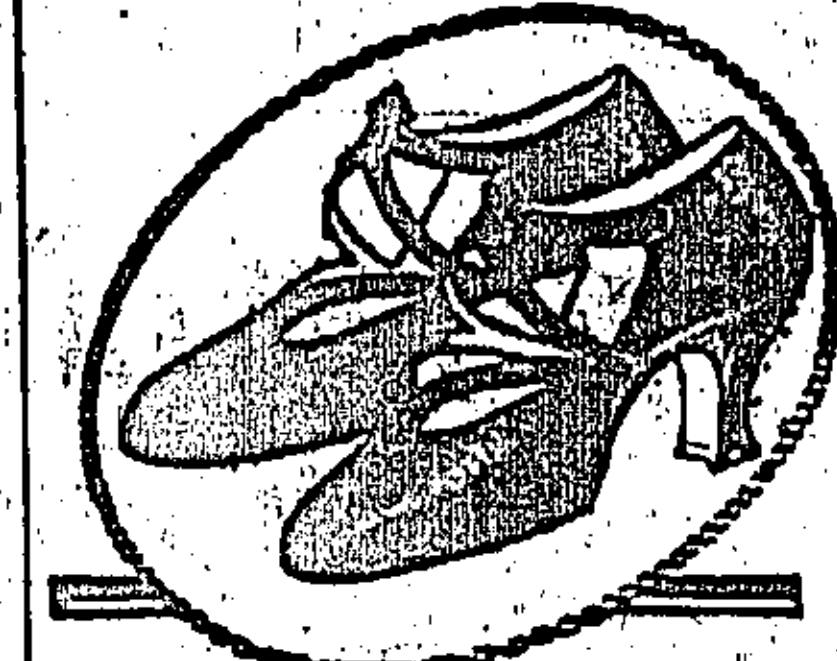
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DETAILS OF ROYAL ARTILLERY PRACTICES.

Notice to Mariners issued from the Harbour Office under yesterday's date.

The following programme of Royal Artillery Practices at Tai Lam Range has been received from the Military Authorities and is published for general information.

Date Nature Alternative Date

Jan. 4 18 pdr. Jan. 5

Jan. 7 18 pdr. and 60 pdr. Jan. 8

Jan. 9 6" Howitzer (Art. Sec. Vol.)

Jan. 10 18 pdr. and 6" Howitzer Jan. 11

Jan. 12 60 pdr. (seawards)

Jan. 13 6" Howitzer Jan. 14

Jan. 14 60 pdr. Jan. 15

Jan. 16 6" Howitzer (Art. Sec. Vol.)

Jan. 17 18 pdr. Jan. 18

This practice will take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon, or in the event of misty weather, in the afternoon, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

D'Alghar Wireless.

Dated December 18.

With reference to Notice S.352, published on October 29, Cape D'Agular W/T Station will resume 500 metre wave length service for ships at sea on December 31 at 16.00 G.M.T.

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SAIKUNG "PIRACY"
TRIAL.

CHIEF JUSTICE ON
EYESIGHT.

"I know Mr. Leask very well, but I cannot recognise his face from this distance, though I can see those rifles," was the unexpected comment of Sir Henry Gollan in the course of the trial, continued at the Criminal Sessions to-day of five Chinese who are charged with robbery and murder on the ferry launch Salkung on September 12th. The comment arose out of the cross-examination of a witness who stated that his eyes were injured by dynamite some twenty years ago, so that he was unable to recognise any of the prisoners. He had stated that three of them carried rifles at Tai Lok and one a revolver, and Mr. H. S. Lo, who is defending, put witness the question "So you were able to recognise the small things they were carrying as rifles and a revolver, but you are not able to recognise bigger things such as men?"

His Lordship said that that could easily be understood, and passed the comment mentioned above.

The witness in question was a doctor and an elder of the village of Tan Wa Wan. He stayed at Tai Lok on the night of the 12th, and at 6 a.m. three men carrying rifles visited the residence of Cheung Ngau with whom he was staying and said that they intended to leave the rifles and call back for them later. Two other men were with them and one carried a leather case and the other a revolver.

He recognised the rifles as Government rifles and handed them over to the police at Salkung.

Sohan Singh, one of the Indian guards, said that he was standing on the port side of the Salkung with his back to the stairs. He was suddenly seized from behind and thrown overboard. He saw five men all armed with revolvers. Later witness was asked if he could identify the belt of the deceased guard.

Witness:-I could identify it if I put it on. He was much fatter than I am.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball (prosecuting):-Put it on.

Witness (after obeying):-That's his belt.

The third Indian guard gave very contradictory evidence and Mr. Dyer Ball suggested that he might withdraw the witness. The man was allowed to go on and he told the Court that two boats came alongside the Salkung at Shi Wan, and eight or nine men climbed to the bridge over the railings. He ran up the stairs to the bridge and was immediately seized. They struck him about the head and hands with revolvers and he was forced to leave go of his rifle. He fell unconscious, and when he recovered saw the launch approaching a police launch and jumped overboard. He was picked up by the police launch. He was unable to recognise any of the prisoners.

The case is proceeding.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

How often one hears in Hongkong, "It is not like Christmas out here!" It is better, we think, for first of all, there is the delightful climate at this time of the year, and then there is the "Y."

The members have issued invitations to friends in the Services, and it is certain that there will be a large gathering to the special midday Christmas dinner on Saturday, and which will be followed by a soccer match against H.M.S. Hawkins, and a hockey match against H.M. Sub. L.5. These matches will start at 3.15, and we are very grateful to the H.K. Hockey Club, and the Kowloon F.C. for so kindly lending us the grounds. Later on, after tea, there will be billiards and ping-pong tournaments held, and supper will be served from 7.30 to 8.30. Friends in the Army and Navy are asked to accept an open invitation to the concert starting at 8.30. Refreshments are provided.

On Sunday, the Secretary will speak at the Quiet Hour, in the Lounge at 9.15 p.m. on the subject of the Christmas message.

Boxing Day, Monday, Dec. 27th, all members cannot go to Fanling, owing to various handicaps, or even to the Kowloon Golf Club, no why not join in the proposed tramp up the Lion Rock? The scenery is gorgeous, and tiffin free on arrival! Members please note. Friends are also invited.

There is always, as a last resort, the Library replete with all the Christmas numbers, that have

CANTON LABOUR.

PIECE GOODS SHOP
TROUBLES.

BUSINESS THREATENED.

Fresh trouble is being experienced by piece goods merchants in Canton, according to advices reaching us to-day.

It appears that for some time past, the employees in the principal piece goods shops have been split into two Unions, one being confined merely to wage-earning employees, known as the 'Piece Goods' Shop Employees' Union, and the other, which is called the Tung Yip Union, contains amongst its members some who have a small financial interest in the concerns.

There has latterly been much rivalry between the two Unions, and it is said that the former has been able to wean away several of the members of the latter, with the result that the wage-earners now practically dominate the situation.

IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS.

In view of their strength, the members of the Piece Goods Shop Employees' Union have been putting forward a series of demands to their employers, which they ask shall be complied with immediately. Some of the piece goods

NEW M. P.



Mr. Oswald Mosley, the well-known Socialist, who has been elected as Member of Parliament in the Labour interests, for the Smethwick Division.

merchants state, that these demands are impossible of acceptance, and that if they are persisted in there will be no alternative but to suspend business.

LABOUR PROTESTS.

In connection with the telegrams, which the Workers' Representative Conference has sent to Kuomintang branches in all parts of the country protesting against the action of the Canton authorities in taking stern action to prevent labour unrest, some replies have been received from branches in Kiangsu and Chekiang. These state that if the news reaching them, to the effect that an attempt is being made to suppress the Workers' Conference and that a number of pickets have been arrested, is true, the future of the revolutionary movement will be jeopardised.

The telegrams demand the release of the arrested men and the granting of full powers to the Workers' Representative Conference. arrived at the opportune moment. Last Thursday the Y.M.C.A. met its Waterlooside possesses many advantages, but one thing that it did not possess last Thursday was sufficient accommodation for the members of the Services that availed themselves of the invitation to the Social given in their honour. Nevertheless, the evening proved a huge success, thanks to the work of the Social Committee who had arranged a very good programme, which included items by some of the guests, and also a very creditable performance by members of H.M.S. Hermes band, which was deservedly encouraged.

Sir Alan Cobham was out-flown when the "Flying Y" took the initiative last Saturday. There are more ways than by aeroplane of flying round Hongkong, as the Y.M.C. knows. All that is needed is a motor cycle, or even a Morgan might do. Oh yes, it is also imperative to have enough to pay for your tea!

To-night the Y.M.C.A. billiards team plays the team from H.M.S. Tamar, at 8.30.—Communicated.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:-

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1130 s.
Chartered, Bank, \$21 s.
Mercantile A. & B., \$302 n.
Mercantile C., \$193 n.
P. and O., \$292 b.
East Asia, \$84 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$640 b.
China Underwriters, \$145 sa.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Union Ins., 290 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$45 s.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$200 b.
Hongkong Fire, 615 b.

Shipping

Douglases, \$281 b.
Steamboats, \$26 b.
Tugs, \$11 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$32 b.
Shell Trans., \$0/- n.
Star Ferries, \$60 n.
Waterboats, \$154 b.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$25 s.
Malabons, \$36 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$140 x. Div.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 244 b.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 450 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 800 n.
Raub, \$41 n.
Tronohs, 21/- b.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$115 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$45 s.
Hongkew, Tls. 170 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 54 n.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 117 s.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$925 s.
H.K. Lands, \$57 s.
Realty, \$6.15 b.
Territorials, \$3 s.
Humphreys, \$144 s.
Princes Bldgs, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$14 n.

Cottons.

Ewos Cottons, Tls. 94 s.
Orientals, Tls. 21 s.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 54 b.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, \$94 b.
Tramways, \$214 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$154 b.
S'pore Traction, 15/- s.
Taxis, \$2 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$16 b.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$11 s.
China Lights, \$174 s.
China Prov., \$5.25 n.
Constructions, \$1.90 b.
Dairy Farms, \$182 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electrics, \$573 n.
Macao Electrics, \$35 n.
Ropes (Old), \$10 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$8 n.
Mackintosh, \$194 n.
Sinceros, \$94 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 s.
Watsons, \$13 n.
Powells, \$64 n.

Vienna, November 5.—At a recent "competition" of the eldest persons in Vienna several people appeared who could prove on documentary evidence that they were born in 1826. According to statistics, some 5,000 inhabitants of the capital are eight and over. In the whole of Australia there are 35,000 persons of that age, of whom 15,000 are men and 20,000 women.



If clothes make the woman, there are some only half done.

Entertainments.

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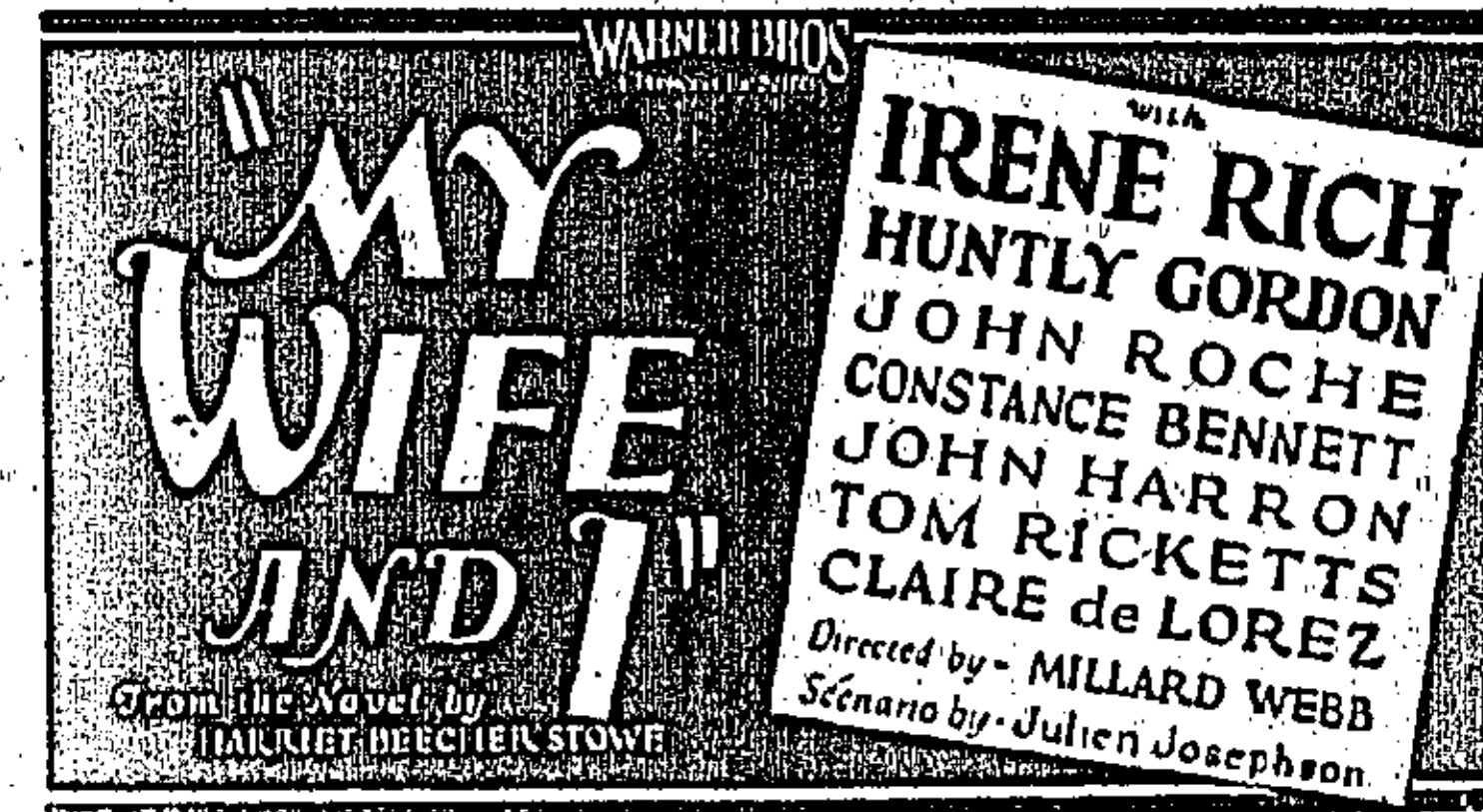
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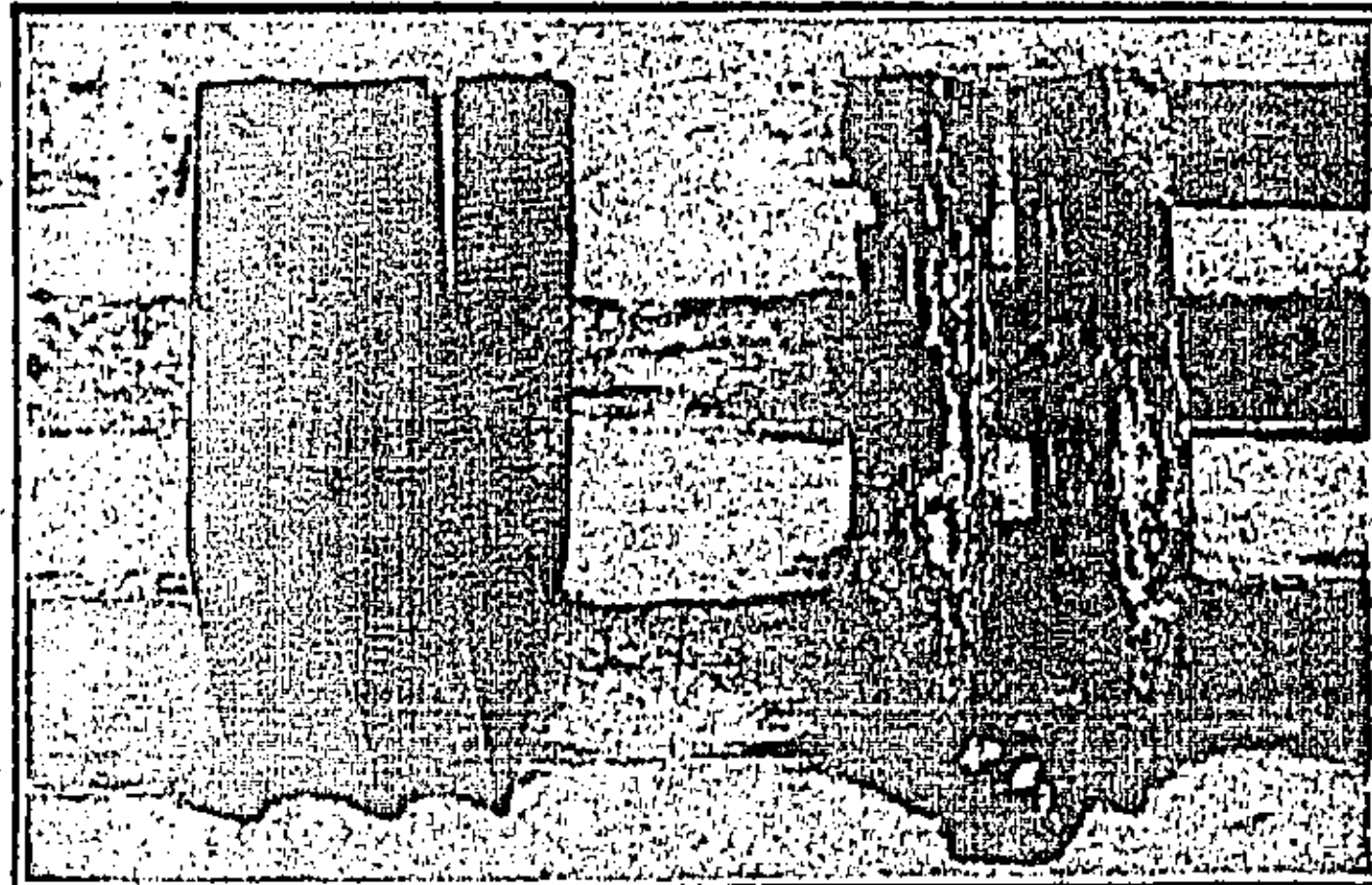
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and S'hai	President Jefferson	December 22.
Japan	Tango Maru	December 22.
Shanghai	Szechuen	December 22.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only London, 18th Nov.)	Vogland	December 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai	Pres. Lincoln	December 23.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai and London via Canada (London 19th November.)	Empress of Canada	December 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Lincoln	December 23.
Shanghai	Yingchow	December 23.
Straits	Namsang	December 24.
Straits	Telesias	December 25.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers only London, 18th Nov.)	Kalyan	December 26.
Manila	Empress of Canada	December 30.
Shanghai	Amazona	January 4, 1927.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Wed., Dec. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Tjisalak	Wed., Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Angora	Wed., Dec. 22, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou	Kwangtung	Wed., Dec. 22, 2 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Taikeu Maru	Wed., Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Tango Maru	Thurs., Dec. 23.
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	0.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island Jan. 8, 1927.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Nellore	Thurs., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Hydrangea	Thurs., Dec. 23, 2 p.m.
Straits	Van Cloon	Thurs., Dec. 23, 2.30 p.m.